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Townsfolk Will Have Opportunity To Speak On Supt. Search

The Agawam School Committee will conduct a community input meeting that will allow townspeople the opportunity to voice their opinions on hiring the next superintendent of schools in Agawam.

The public meeting is slated for Thursday, March 12th at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. This will be the only opportunity for townspeople to become involved in the search process for the new superintendent, according to the School Committee.

Present Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr., announced he will retire from the post this October.

The School Committee, at a meeting with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Tuesday night, agreed that this public meeting will give townspeople the opportunity to express opinions regarding the qualifications and attributes preferred in the new superintendent.

The MASC has been hired by the School Committee for \$3,800 to act as a consultant for the search and to conduct the initial screening. The MASC will narrow the field to approximately 10 semifinalists.

School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Teresa Kozloski told us that all citizens, school staff members, and students are encouraged to attend the March 12th public meeting.

Hockey Parents' Macaroni Supper A Success



THE AGAWAM HIGH HOCKEY PARENTS recently held their Annual Macaroni Supper at the Polish American Club. Kitchen helpers included, from left - Peggy Cardaropoli, Bill Zielinski, Mary Fleury, and Rich Fleury. RELATED PHOTOS IN SPORTS. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Winter Top 40 At AHS Again Big Hit







THE ANNUAL WINTER TOP 40 at Agawam High School again brought out the school's musical talent. Some of the performers included, from left - Irene Thomas, Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan, and Melanie Poudrier, faculty members; Clara von Hollander and Lynn Moreau; and Sandi Angotti and Krysten D'Amato. MORE PHOTOS IN EDUCATION SECTION. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Council Passes First Reading Of Amendment On Inspection Fees For Backflow Devices

Town Council Monday night passed the first of three required readings of an amendment concerning inspection fees to be charged town businesses who are required to install a backflow

device designed to prevent water contamination.

Backflow prevention devices have been a controversial issue in Agawam for over 18 months. Many businesses here have said the backflow devices are causing another financial hardship on them and that the town is too aggressive in enforcing this state law.

According to the amendment, the inspection fee will drop from \$50 to \$15 for backflow devices required by the state. Also, the amendment states that backflow device inspections required by the town will drop from \$50 to no charge at all.

A backflow device, as required by state law, says that all businesses who have a cross con-nection (where wastewater or other materials could flow into the water supply) must install this backflow device to prevent water contamination. The town administration has repeatedly said the town would be liable if the water supply were to become contaminated (if the town did not actively pursue enforcement of the state law).

Moreover, in July 1988 the town mandated that businesses who do not have a cross connection place a less expensive device as an added precaution. The state device must be inspected three times a year. The town device must be inspected once a year.

Some Debate On Council Floor

Following debate on the first reading Monday night, councilors voted 6-3 in favor of the amend-

Councilors voting in favor included Council President Jessie D. Fuller, Vice-President Richard Brindle, George Bitzas, Joanne Willis, James

Taylor, and Nancy Gravel.
Voting against were Edward A. Caba, Louis

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 19, 1992 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Russo, and Walter Balboni.

Councilors Thomas Ennis and Gary Suffriti were absent.

Russo voiced the loudest dissent on the amendment. Calling the state law "the most ambigious piece of legislation that I've ever seen," Russo said the council should challenge the state

Russo also said he was concerned as to who would be responsible for the installation of the backflow devices, a business property owner or a business that is renting space in a particular building. "If there is no chance for a backflow,

why should you have to have a device. Where's the fairness in this?" Russo said.
Russo noted that the town's Department of Public Works, according to the ordinance, may amend the fee schedule from time to time and wanted assurance that any change in the fee schedule would first come before the council.

Go See The Town Solicitor
Councilor Joanne Willis suggested that Russo
contact Town Solicitor Thomas Locke concerning his questions about the state law. She said the council's ordinance committee has reviewed this issue for over a year-and-a-half, a comment that obviously indicated that she did not feel there were any ambiguities (as stated by Russo) that would warrant further study of the ordinance.

Councilor George Bitzas called the ordinance

an excellent one and that it would ensure that the

town's water supply was both clean and safe.

It has been noted that the cost for installing backflow devices as required by both the state and the town will be from a low of \$180 and up. Several businesses have said the starting point is

more reasonably put at a low of \$400.

The next vote on this issue is slated for the council's Monday, March 16th meeting.

Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for an amendment to its Rules and Regulations. A copy of the proposed amendment can be reviewed in the Agawam Planning Office. BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD Published: March 5, 1992

Agawam Police Dept. Weekly Arrest Blotter

On February 23rd, Frank C. Stanton, 109 South Grand Street, West Suffield, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, operating after suspension, and failure to stop for a stop sign. Arresting officer was Edward

On February 23rd, James L. Brenna, 1162 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and

charged with operating without a license. Arresting officer was Walter Zymroz.

On February 23rd, Shawn Howard, 190 River Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Keith Bopko.

On February 25th, Richard A. Fortin, Jr., 70 Hill Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of

ed with driving while under the influence of alcohol, and operating without a license. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown, Kelth Bopko,

and Mark Ceccarini.
On February 26th, Lori Ann Grilley, 5 Tenney
Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department war-rant. Arresting officer was Sergeant Robert Rossi. On February 26th, Joseph DePalma, 356 Park

Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Steve Grasso.

On February 27th, Christopher Himmelman, alias Edward Deloghia, 15 Kimberly Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Joe Dymon and Sergeant Al Longhi.

On February 28th, Brian D. Smith, 136 Feeding

Hills Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Detective Daniel Clak.

On February 29th, **Brendan G. Blake**, 129 Clover Hill Road, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Steve Grasso, Richard Light, Jr., and Ben Moore.

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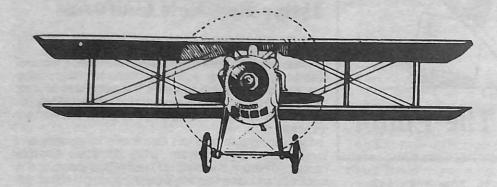
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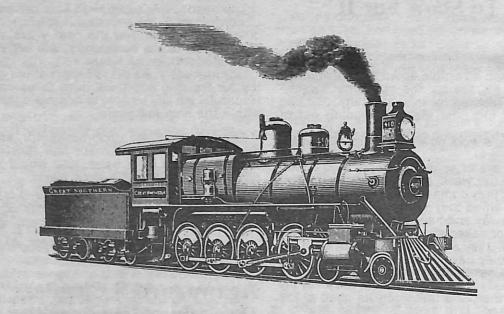
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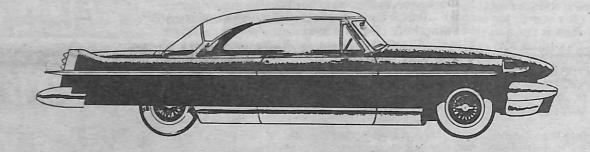
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Letters To The Editor

Coming To Life's End With Nothing To Show For It

To The Editor: "A Life Wasted"

I recently read an article about a man who had worked all of his life for one company. Twenty-four years he labored for this company, and one day they told him that they were going out of business.

An entire life's work down the drain. No reward

for all of his work!

It reminded me of so many people who attend church week after week, month after month, year after year, and they come to the end of their life no different than when they began.

They pass away and have to stand before God, but they are not asked about all of the times they went to church they are not asked about all of the

went to church, they are not asked about all of the "good work" they have done.

No, they are asked, did you accept the free gift of salvation that was made available to you by my son, Jesus Christ, and the blood he shed at the cross of Calvary?

These people are shocked. They went through their life going to a church, performing ritual after ritual, sacrament after sacrament; they thought that this is what would save them. At least, that is what the church told them.

No one told them that they could ask Jesus Christ to come into their life, and he would. No one told them that they could have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

No one told them that all they had to do you to

No one told them that all they had to do was to repent of their sin and pray to the Lord for forgiveness, tell the Lord that they accept the gift of salvation. No one told them that all of that was

These people try to tell God that they were never told. They try to say that they did not have a chance to find this out. But it is pointed out to them that all of this information was available to

them; it was all in the Bible. They can not believe that all of this was in the Bible, the same Bible that was used to tell nice, sweet stories week after week in their church. They are upset that their church never told them to read their Bibles.

Unfortunately for them, it is too late; they will spend eternity in hell, guilty of rejecting Jesus

Maybe you are one of those people. Maybe you go to a church that teaches you can earn your way to heaven through ritual and sacrament. You sit in church week after week and you know you have not turned your heart over to Jesus Christ.

Why don't you ask Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Saviour? Find a church that preaches and teaches the Bible, and encourages you to read and learn the Bible yourself.

Don't wait until it's too late—it's a matter of

eternal life and death!

Tom Crouse, Assistant Pastor Faith Bible Church Agawam

786-7747

Agawam High Bandathon Helps Buy New Uniforms

To The Editor:

This past February, the Agawam High School Bands sponsored a Bandathon to help raise money to be applied towards the purchase of new band uniforms. This was a major undertaking for all involved, both students and parent supporters

I would like to publicly thank all the people and businesses of Agawam who donated to this cause. Without the help of those fine people, the success of our program would be much more dif-

The bands at Agawam High School have helped to contribute to the successful education of hundreds of students over the past years, and with the support of the community, will benefit many more students in the future.

Unfortunately, we did fall short of our goal, and the fundraising effort will have to be continued. Hopefully we will be able to complete this project within the next few years.

There is still an opportunity for anyone to donate to this fund. We are still receiving contributions on a daily basis, and would welcome any amount that is able to be given.

Donations may be sent directly to the AHS Band, Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street.

Thank you, Scott L. Thomson Director, AHS Bands

Agawam AFS Chapter Honoring Host Families

We want to commend some very special people in our community. The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) are celebrating AFS Host Family Recognition Week, March 8th to March 15th. By doing so, we gratefully acknowledge the following five families for their service to this community and the world we share - Dan & Lee Lacienski of South West Street, Feeding Hills: Pat & Karen Asta-Ferrare of North Feeding Hills; Pat & Karen Asta-Ferraro of North Street, Agawam; Amaro & Shelly Goncalves of Barberry Lane, Feeding Hills; Dick & Marion Brindle of Barney Street, Agawam; and Ric & Betsy Sardella of Chestnut Lane, Agawam.

This year in Agawam the Lackardick families in Agawam.

This year in Agawam the Lacienski family is hosting Kris Tuerlinckx of Belguim. Two years ago the Lacienskis hosted Doris Montoya from Colombia. The Asta-Ferraro family is hosting Paola Anselmetti from Italy. This is the Asta-Ferraros first experience as an AFS host family on the full year program.

Also, the Goncalves family is hosting Jovita Carrasco from Ecquador for the 1991-92 school year. This is their first experience with AFS. The Sardella family is hosting Florence Laly from France. The Sardellas have hosted many times

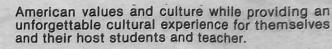
before over the past eight years.

And finally, the Brindles have returned to Agawam AFS after 14 years. The Brindles are currently hosting the chapter's first-ever exchange teacher, Ana Atienza from Argentina. The Brindles hosted a Japanese sirl as a senior at Agawam hosted a Japanese girl as a senior at Agawam High School back in 1977 and one of their daughters, Elsie, travelled to Colombia for a year's exchange through the AFS Program.

Like over 3,000 American families this year,

these five families have opened their homes and hearts to these four AFS students and AFS teacher. In doing so, they are sharing our

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AFS host families are not paid. They give of themselves and their love to create lasting ties between themselves and the world. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18, are carefully screened in their home countries, are fully insured (medical and liability), and come ready to fully participate in home, school, and community life.

AFS host families find the best support possible - from our local Agawam AFS Chapter to a 24-hour support line in AFS World Headquarters in New York City. AFS is here to serve students and families.

and families.

These five families represent some of our most precious resources and we recognize their contributions and appreciate all they and many other families in the area have done as host parents this

We ask that you and the rest of Agawam join AFS in commending these five families for their lasting contribution to world peace and the global family of AFS. If more families around the world were to join the AFS family, perhaps we would be that much closer to international understanding and world peace.

People need to think globally and act locally. Understanding begins one person at a time, and the Lacienskis, Asta-Ferraros, Goncalves', Brindles, and Sardellas are contributing to that understanding right here in Agawam.

If other families are interested in joining the AFS families that are changing the world, they can contact either Ric Sardella, chapter president, (786-7747, days; 789-2005, evenings) or Al Machia, Family Selection Committee, (786-0114) for the 1992-93 school year. The students arrive in August to begin their year's experience as members of the senior class at Agawam High members of the senior class at Agawam High

Sincerely Community Board, Agawam AFS

MORE LETTERS please see Page 5...

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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> Friday, March 6th Free musical performance by Radio Swing Orchestra Presented by "First Friday Series" Agawam Junior High auditorium 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17th Agawam Junior Women's Club Meeting & program (featuring Tae Kwon-Do instructor Pat Kraus) Captain Leonard House, Main St. 7:30 p.m. Cal 789-1320 for more info

Tuesday, March 17th Informational mtg. & registration for Ag. Youth Cheeleader Tryouts Community Room, Ag. Police Dept.

Thursday, March 19th Grange Card Party
Grange Home, 47 North West Street, F.H.
7:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday,
March 27th & 28th; April 3rd & 4th
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Bob Hersey Deserves Praise For Years With AAA

To The Editor:

I think it's about time that the people of Agawam recognize and appreciate the dedication, commitment, and hard work that Bob Hersey has put into the fifth and sixth grade Girls' Suburban Basketball Team and also the Agawam Athletic Association.

Over the years, he has given the youth of Agawam a strong basketball foundation. HATS OFF TO YOU, HERSH!!!

Jim Lockwood, Feeding Hills

Agawam AA Piranhas Thank **Parents For Support**

To The Editor:

To all the Piranha Swim Team Parents:

We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your assistance this year. We could not have done the job without you.

Also, many thanks for the parting gift which will be greatly enjoyed.

Hope to see you, as parents, for the summer

Thanks again, Jane David and Laura Niemiec Retiring Swim Commissioners

AHS Wrestling Team Can Hold Their Heads High

Open Letter To The Agawam High Wrestling Team And Coaches:

Over the past three seasons I have become a part of your team. I have been there for dual meets, bus rides, social gatherings, championship celebrations and some of the most brutal

heartaches that sports could offer.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment that you have dished out over that time. Your incredible rule of 40 etrolets with the country of the coun credible run of 49 straight victories and six con-secutive Western Mass. Wrestling ChampionThe Agawam Advertiser News

ships is envied throughout our region.
You are to be commended for many reasons, not the least of which is your relentlessness. The near misses at the State Tournaments in 1990 (at Chelmsford High) and 1991 (at Springfield Central) only served to heighten your intensity, renew

your focus, and make you work even harder.
Having spent several days on your wrestling mats in practice last year opened my eyes to the incredible amount of effort and energy that is expended during the season en route to achieving your goals. The coaching staff stays motivated day after day drilling this team over and over on fundamentals, advanced techniques, and weight

The number of kids that come to practice every day knowing that they might not see the light of day (in regards to actually wrestling in front of your many supporters) is testimony to the success of your program. They know that they'll get their chance if they remain dedicated because the program is run in a very fair fashion.

This past weekend might have been the lowest feeling that many of you have ever experienced. It was heartwrenching for me to look into your faces and see the despair following the decision to penalize one of your wrestlers late in the proceedings. It ultimately cost you guys the State Championship that you had worked so hard to

For the young man who was penalized, I am sure that you don't realize it now, but the pain will lessen over time. It won't be today or tomorrow. It may take a little while. Nobody except you will ever know how much that decision hurt you per-

But, everybody does know that the penalty happened because you wanted to win so badly. It will take a lot of courage and guts to work through this

thing. You'll do it and you'll come out of it just fine. Your life is just beginning, not ending.

For the entire team, you will go forward in the knowledge that you were the best wrestling team in Massachusetts in 1992. Nobody questions that (including the champions). You scored more points than any team in the state.

Sitting in the stands, it is not uncommon to hear a group of wrestlers from another school just marvelling at the manner in which you kids handle yourselves. They shake their heads when they realize that Agawam brought 12 wrestlers to the State Championships! Most schools are lucky to bring three or four.

Those schools would give their left arm to be the state runner-up. Members of those teams would be bragging about it for years to come. But for Agawam, second place is not the answer.

Your thousands of loyal supporters expect so very much from you and you deliver so often. The standards you have set are far beyond those of your competition.

I was very proud of a group of upperclassmen on the team that rallied around their dejected teammate to offer words of encouragement in his time of need. You did it without fanfare behind the stands and you did it with class.

I know how difficult it was to set aside your own disappointments to boost the spirits of a teammate. Therein might lie the success of the AHS Wrestling Program. It might be an individual sport, but you guys are certainly a team.

To the coaches, I don't know how much more you can take. You guys are universally respected across the state. Folks in the know understand what it takes to have the kind of success that you have enjoyed. But many of them aren't willing to pay the price.

Some teams view a win over Agawam like someone else might view a Super Bowl win over Lombardi's Packers. You, too, will have to swallow hard for a while and then get back to the mats in 1992-93 and go back out there and fight like hell to get the next one.

To Nick Langone and Mike Cooper, good luck this weekend in the New Englands. Congratulations on your super individual showings at the

A Friend Of Agawam Wrestling, Bob Johnson, AAN Sports Editor

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1992 at 6:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of HERITAGE HALL who is seeking a Special Liea Permit in accordance with Seeking in the appeal of HERITAGE HALL who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the Fifth Annual Founders Day Celebration to be held on the grounds of Heritage Hall, 61 COOPER STREET, on May 8th and 9th, 1992.

By order of the Board of Appeals, Anthony Grimaldi, Acting Chairman Published: March 5, 1992

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Agawam Obituaries

Famous Restaurateur **Betty Bottaro**

Lizzie "Betty" Bottaro, the celebrated local restaurateur who last week described herself as 'a grandmother to the whole town of Agawam,"

died early Monday morning at the age of 90.

A cause of death had not been determined on Monday, but a family member said Bottaro was suffering from influenza-like symptoms last week. Her condition worsened Sunday night, and she was rushed by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She died there around 3:00 a.m.

Her death occurred hours before publication of an article in the Springfield Union-News that recounted her career as owner of the popular Betty's in the Patch Restaurant on Moore Street. Bottaro started the restaurant more than 60 years ago, and attracted patrons from around the region

with her Italian-style cooking.

Regular diners included artist Norman Rockwell, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, and former Hampden County District Attorney Matthew Ryan.

Her son, Ralph Bottaro, 68, who runs the familyowned Betty's Old Towne House, said that the family will continue to operate the restaurant

family will continue to operate the restaurant.

"It will continue on, and it will stay in the family," he said.

The restaurant is expected to be closed for the rest of this week.

Calling hours were Wednesday afternoon and evening in Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home at 1043 Westfield Street, West Springfield. The funeral was held Thursday morning at the funeral home and St. Anthony's Church at 108 Bridge Street, Agawam.

Last week, Bottaro credited St. Anthony's for providing her with her first taste of professional success. In the early days of the restaurant, she

handled catering for church activities.

"I'm glad I did it because the women in the church told all their friends about us," she said last week.

Because Bottaro was noted for her stamina, her death came as a shock, said a family member. She had continued to work every day in the restaurant, preparing food, and was always on hand to greet customers at night.

Members described Bottaro as the matriach of

a small family with deep roots in Agawam. Besides her son, Bottaro is survived by grandchildren, Ralph Bottaro Jr. and Beth Nasuti, and three great-grandchildren.

Raiph Bottaro Jr. helps run the restaurant with his wife, Susan.

Betty Bottaro was born Lizzie Mandirole in Vernon, Connecticut, and moved with her family to Agawam at the age of five. She grew up in "The Patch," a working-class neighborhood off Moore Street near the former site of Strathmore Paper

Her late husband, Anselmo Bottaro, worked at the former Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing Co. of West Springfield.

Bottaro said she started the restaurant to escape working in the mill, where most residents of the patch worked.

She credited her immigrant parents, who owned an inn in New York City, with teaching her the

Prayer To St. Jude May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved for now and forever.

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We're Going To Give New Meaning To "Dining Out"

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Dolores J. Minet

Dolores J. Minet, 56, of 4338 South Atlantic Avenue, Ponce Inlet, Florida, died Friday, February 21st, at Humana Hospital, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Born on March 19th, 1935 in Queens, New York, she retired as secretary and bookkeeper for her

In the state of the state of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, and Harry J. Minet, of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, and Harry J. Minet, of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, and Harry J. Minet of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, and Harry J. Minet lill of Lacksonville, Florida: one daughter. Track Booker of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, and Harry J. Minet III of Jacksonville, Florida; one daughter, Tracy Boober of Indian Orchard, MA; two stepdaughters, Patricia Allen of Huntington, Tennessee, and Arlene Marcheisselli of Bedford, MA; three brothers, Edward Redmond of Orlando, Florida, Richard Redmond of Hayward, California, and William Redmond of Redwood City, California; two sisters, Muriel Rush of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Eileen MacKnikie of Denver, Colorado; and six grandchildren.

The memorial service was held on Wednesday,

The memorial service was held on Wednesday, February 26th, in the Cardwell Funeral Home, Port Orange, Florida.

Alice B. Lafleur

Alice B. (Bail) Lafleur, 84, of 20 Hastings Street, Feeding Hills, a former opera singer and musician, died a Noble Hospital in Westfield. She played the piano, organ, and violin.

Born in Upton, Canada, she lived in West Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1934. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. Her husband, Theodore E. Lafleur, died in 1974.

She leaves a daughter, Louise Strong of Southwick, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas's Cemetery in West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, 01040.

Helena M. McLean

Helena M. "Sugar" (Mason) McLean, 84, of 27 Woodside Drive, retired owner and operator of Agawam Answering Service, died recently in Providence Hospital in Holyoke.

She retired in 1979. Born in Pittsfield, she lived in Springfield for several years before moving to Agawam in 1940.
She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of its Catholic Women's Club and the St. John's Guild, of which

she was treasurer for more than 20 years. Her husband, Ernest R., died in 1964. She leaves a son, Randall R. of Agawam; a daughter, Darlene A. Goss of Agawam; and a sister, Rita Lecour of Agawam; and four grand-

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in

Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, 20 Park Plaza, Suite 636, Boston, MA 02116.

Raymond W. Lafarr

Raymond W. Lafarr, 65, of Feeding Hills and formerly of 132 Exchange Street, Chicopee, a retired employee in the maintenance department

of Savage Arms Corp., died at home.
He retired in 1988 after 30 years with the company. Born in Chicopee, he lived there until mov-

ing to Feeding Hills two years ago. He leaves a stepbrother, William G. Cooney of Chicopee; three nephews, Ronald Cooney of Chicopee, Robert Boucher of Connecticut, and Ralph Tortoriello of Colorado; two nieces, Linda Sheehan and Rosemary Giordano of Feeding Hills; and a friend, Barbara M. Tortoriello, with whom he lived.

The funeral was held at Corridan Funeral Home and Holy Name Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, all in Chicopee.

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Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

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Precinct 3 - Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St. Precinct 4 - Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St. Precinct 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School St.

Precinct 6 - James Clark School, 65 Oxford St., off South St. Precinct 7 - Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield St.

on TUESDAY, THE 10th OF MARCH 1992 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

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Richard M. Theroux, City Clerk





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Health Care Statute Important To You

We all now have been given a stronger voice in our life and death decisions as the result of two pieces of legislation; one on the state level and one on the Federal level.

In Massachusetts, the legislature has passed Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 201D, Health Care Proxies, which is effective as of December 19th, 1990.

On the Federal level, on December 1st, 1991, a piece of legislation known as the "Patient Self-determination Act" became effective.

Under the Massachusetts statute,

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 201D, by properly executing a health care proxy, an adult "principal" can appoint another adult as "health care agent" for the purpose of making health care decisions for the principal should he or she be unable to make or communicate those decisions.

The Federal Patient Self-determination Act requires hospitals, nursing homes and other heatlh facilities that accept Medicare or Medicaid to inform patients on admission they have a right to refuse medical care and to ask patients if they have designated a health care proxy or prepared a

living will. Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 201D, Section 2 discusses the prerequisites for a valid health care proxy. This Section states that every competent adult shall have the right to appoint a health care agent by executing a health care pro-

Said health care proxy shall be in writing signed by such adult or at the direction of such adult in the presence of two other adults who shall subscribe their names as witnesses to such signature. The witnesses shall affirm in writing that the principal appeared to be at least 18 years

of age, of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence.

No person who has been named as health care agent in a health care proxy shall act as a witness to the execution of such proxy. Also, a competent adult may designate an alternate health care agent as part of a valid health care proxy.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 201D, Section 5 addresses the authority of your health care agent. This section states that an agent shall have the authority to make any and all health care decisions on the principal's behalf that the principal could make, including decisions about life-sustaining treatment, subject, however, to any express limitations in the health care proxy.

After consultation with health care providers, and after full consideration of acceptable medical alternatives regarding diagnosis, prognosis, treatments and their side effects, the agent shall make health care decisions: (i) in accordance with the agent's assessment of the principal's wishes, including the principal's religious and moral beliefs, or (ii) if the principal's wishes are unknown, in accordance with the agent's assessment of the accordance with the agent's wishes, including the accordance with the agent's wishes, including the principal's religious and moral beliefs, or (ii) if the principal's wishes are unknown, in accordance with the agent's assessment of the principal's wishes are unknown, in accordance with the agent's assessment of the principal's wishes are unknown, in accordance with the agent's assessment of the principal's wishes are unknown, in accordance with the agent's assessment of the principal's wishes are unknown, in accordance with the agent's assessment of the principal's wishes are unknown. ment of the principal's best interests.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the agent shall have the right to receive any and all medical information necessary to make informed decisions regarding the principal's health care, including any and all confidential medical information that the principal would be entitled to receive.

A physician who is provided with a health care proxy shall arrange for the proxy or a copy thereof to be inserted in the principal's medical records.

An example of sample language to

demonstrate one's intent in executing a health

care proxy would be as follows:

"If at any time I should have a terminal condition and my attending physician has determined that there can be no recovery from such condition and my death is imminent, where the application of life-prolonging procedures would serve only to artifically prolong the dying process, I direct that such procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to provide me with comfort care or to alleviate pain."

If you have any questions or would like a free initial consultation, please call STANLEY D. KOMACK, ESQ, any time at 413-785-1851.

Fire-Wise

by Agawam Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Choosing And Using A Fire Extinguisher

Every home, car, boat, and trailer should be equipped with fire extinguishers. Having the proper ones and knowing how to use them is impor-tant, says the Agawam Fire Department.

Most portable fire extinguishers are emptied in

30 to 60 seconds, so know what to do in advance. To operate, pull the locking pin, aim at the base of the flames, squeeze the handle and sweep back

But remember, fire extinguishers are meant for small fires. Don't fight a large fire yourself. Call the Agawam Fire Department at 911.

Clothing Fires... Stop, Drop And Roll

All clothing can burn. If your clothes catch fire ...don't run! STOP, DROP, ROLL and cover your face with your hands.

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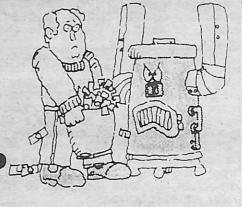
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Rep. Walsh Has New District Office





STATE REP. MICHAEL P. WALSH (D-Agawam) recently announced the opening of his new district office in Feeding Hills, located at 549 Springfield Street. The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Rep. Walsh's mailing address is still Box 160, Agawam, 01001 and the phone number is 786-4545. IN PHOTOS ABOVE, Rep. Walsh welcomes Agawam resident Jim Griffin (left) to his new office; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Walsh and staff member Cathy Sheehan (seated) are pictured with Feeding Hills residents Angelo & Chris Polumbo and Jim Griffin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Democrats To Caucus March 7th To Elect Delegates

Registered Democrats in Agawam will be holding a caucus on Saturday, March 7th, at 12:00 noon to elect representatives to the Senate District Conference that will be held on Saturday, April 11th.

Agawam will be electing 15 delegates and four alternates, equally divided between men and women, to send to the Senate District Con-

The apportioned number of representatives has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for Governor and President for which figures were available at the

time representative tabulations were prepared.
Chairman Doug Bodman will call the caucus at the Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper Street. The meeting is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register, and media representatives.

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Walsh Announces Approval Of Bill Giving Children's Trust Fund Lottery Monies

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), House chairman of the Joint Committee on Government Regulations, announced the recent approval of a bill authorizing the dedication of revenue streams from the Mass. Arts Lottery to the Children's Trust Fund. The bill was signed into law on December 30th and became Chapter 461.

This legislation, which was acted on favorably by Walsh's committee, provides that the arts lottery revenue generated from one day's proceeds be donated to the Children's Trust Fund each

Chapter 461 allows revenue up to \$1 million in any fiscal year to be transferred to the fund. The transfer will take place between January 1st, 1993

and January 1st, 1996.
The Children's Trust Fund was established by the Legislature in 1988 and funds child abuse prevention programs throughout the state. The trust is mandated to prevent child abuse and

neglect by strengthening and supporting families. Through its programs, the trust can help reduce the stresses on families that lead to abuse. The federal government matches Children's Trust Fund monies up to 25 percent, increasing the resources available for child abuse prevention.

"Child abuse is on the rise," Walsh said. "Every day an average of 78 children are abused in this

state. The funds generated by Chapter 461 will provide programs that will combat this societal scourge.'

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Ag. Council On Aging To Hear Health Forum

Agawam's Council on Aging will present the forum "Buiding A Better Health Care System: America's Challenge of the 1990's" on Wednesday, March 18th, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor,

Agawam.

The community forum leaders will be two representatives from the Forest Park chapter of A.A.R.P.—Bob Northgraves, president, and Estelle Glazer, community health representative.

The presentation is free of charge and open to all members of the public, regardless of age. Contact Sandra S. Smith, activities director for the Agawam Senior Center, at 786-0400, extension 242, for more information.

Marketing Class In Windsor March 11th

Windsor: Consider that 99% of your potential market doesn't know you exist, and could care less if you went out of business. Establishing your name in the market place is critical; but, often expensive and difficult.

Tobi Krutt, Neon Communications, will lead a seminar on low cost/no cost marketing tools and ideas. The marketing ADVANTAGES of a small business will be discussed. Learn marketing tips and techniques that you can use to establish your

company name in your target market.

Link & Learn will sponsor this marketing seminar on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00 p.m.,

Metro Home Design Center, Windsor. Link & Learn is a networking-support group created for homebased and small business people. For more information and a sample newsletter, call The Accounting Department, Inc. (203) 668-4256.

Please remember that our deadline is on Tuesday at noontime. If we can help, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137.

Agawam Crime Prevention...

Project D.A.R.E. Continues To Grow & Grow In Mass.; State Police Now Involved

by Detective Wayne Macey **Agawam Police Department**

On Friday, February 7th, in the host community of Mansfield, Massachusetts, 37 new D.A.R.E. officers were graduated as part of the ninth twoweek training school.

The officers were from many different communities throughout the state; however, the majority were from the South Shore area. The mentoring staff was pleased to welcome our first State Police officer, Leonard Crossman, from the

We have been attempting for quite some time to get the State Police involved, and Trooper Crossman will make a valuable addition to our ranks. Also among the graduates was Airman Lee Parks of the United States Air Force.

The State Department and Department of Defense have expressed interest in having D.A.R.E. taught on some of their bases. Also present to observe parts of the training were members of the F.B.I. and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

They, like so many other agencies, are beginning to place much of their time, money, and effort into prevention. There is little doubt that Project D.A.R.E. has caught many eyes and continues to be successful all across our nation and in several foreign countries.

Once again, the class consisted of men and women of all ages and backgrounds—black and

white coming together with doubt and apprehension. As cops, we are not a trusting bunch, and when we get thrown together for two weeks of who-knows-what, anxiety reigns.

It is the job of the mentoring staff to dispel the fears and get the entire class down to the business of preparing for public presentations and changing some tough attitudes. What Is stressed is that this school is not an "automatic pass" and in order to be certified, certain standards and criteria must be met.

Unfortunately, two officers failed to meet the criteria and were dismissed during the second week. This is, without a doubt, the most difficult task we have to perform.

In most cases, dismissal is not for lack of trying, but rather for a failure to demonstrate the ability to present the D.A.R.E. curriculum. Public speaking can be difficult and certain fears must be overcome to be successful; teaching is a difficult profession, and it sometimes becomes all too evident that some of us are not cut out for it.

Although it is difficult to "de-select" candidates during this school, it is important that we maintain standards so that the goals and ideals of the program can be realized. The job is simply much too important to be done half way; the bottom line is that we will accept nothing but the best for the kids.

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The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the meeting are those who are registered Democrats on the ward or town committee (voting members at the meeting) or those registered as a Democrat as of December 31st, 1991 (candidates for nominating as representatives). There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for representative or alternate must also be present, voting and give his/her consent to be nominated and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the local

All ballots will be written and public. Those can-

didates receiving the greatest number of votes on

the first ballot will be elected.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a twominute speech and to distribute on his/her behalf one sheet of paper listing qualifications and

Slate making is allowed, but no special preference will be given to slates. There is no quorum requirement for the meeting.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic identity, philosophical persuasion, economic status, or disabled in the conduct of the meeting is strictly prohibited.

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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON (left) presents Agawam Rotary Club President James V. Bruno, Jr., with a town proclamation honoring February 29th as "Rotary The World-Over Day" in Agawam. The proclamation acknowledges Rotary International's service to the community and fellowship activities around the world. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Junior Women To Meet March 17th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30

The program for the evening will feature Pat Kraus from A.P. Kraus Tae Kwon-Do, Inc. of Westfield, who will speak about self-defense. She will also invite members and guests to participate in a demonstration of simple self-defense techni-

Those interested are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes.

The meeting will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. Following the program, refreshments will be served and the business portion of the meeting conducted.

Any interested guests are invited to attend. For

more information, contact Liz at 789-1320.

The club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, welcomes new members interested in making new friends while serving the community.

Crafts, Spring Fling At Agawam Library

DO-IT-YOURSELF CRAFT: FLOWERS IN THE SNOW: Come to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, March 14th, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to create a craft out in our foyer. Once you are registered, a kit will await you at our circulation desk. Come when it's convenient. Take your time and up!

OUR SPRING FLING: Come to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, March 21st, from 11:00 a.m. to noontime and celebrate the arrival of spring. ing with us. We will have silly stories and a hat decorating contest.

YOU bring an old baseball hat and WE will provide a variety of trimmings for you to work with. There will be prizes for the three funniest hats you come up with. And we will put them on display in our lobby for the month of April. For ages four and

Agawam and Feeding Hills residents may register for either program by calling 789-1550 or by stopping at the library at 750 Cooper Street.

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Ag. Junior Women Have Long List Of **Community Service**

As we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, we are looking back at some of the contributions the club has made to the town of Agawam over the years. This is the second in a series of articles recognizing how much the Juniors have served our communi-

The years: 1962-1967
The activities of the Junior Women's Club and its ability to serve the community continued to grow during the club's sixth through tenth years.

Some traditions begun in the first five years continued through the next five, including the camperships for needy children, conservation poster contest, three scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors, and Christmas baskets to a needy family.

Some other contributions include the purchase of Easy-on-Eyes books to the libraries, a flag for Town Hall, a bicycle rack and three infant swing sets for the local YMCA, and a Safety film. In addition, Juniors volunteered to give therapy to a 3-year old boy who needed exercising four times

A major accomplishment during these years was the contribution the club made to the senior

citizens of Agawam.
In its 1965-66 year, the Agawam Juniors received the first annual Golden Deeds Award, presented by the Agawam Council for the Aging, in recognition for their help and interest in senior citizens. The following year, the Juniors again received the award.

Some of their contributions during these two years included the donation of a television set to a newly created drop-in center for senior citizens, supplying transportation for the senior citizens to Golden Age Club meetings and assisting the Council for the Aging with the annual Christmas party for 300 senior citizens.

During this period of 1962-1967, the Agawam Junior Women's Club not only continued to grow in its ability to provide local community service. but community service on a national and international level as well. In addition, many activities were provided for the social and educational benefit of the membership.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Membership in the Juniors is open to any woman interested in making new friends while serving the community.

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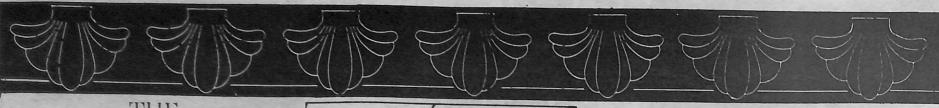
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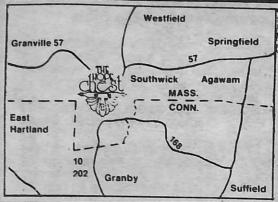
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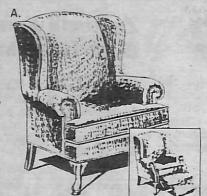
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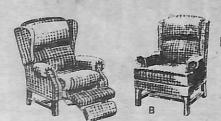
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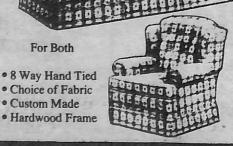
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The Bible, Science, And Faith

by Roger Martin, Pastor Agawam Church of the Bible

TRUE or FALSE: Science deals with facts alone: the Bible deals with faith alone. Actually, the answer is "false," but you may have answered "true" because this message is often implied in print and on television.

A good example is found in the March 1st, 1992 edition of *Parade* magazine, where Carl Sagan states:

"Religion frequently asks us to believe without question, even (or especially) in the absence of hard evidence. Indeed, this is the central meaning of faith. Science asks us to take nothing on faith, to be wary of our penchant for self-deception..."

The truth of the matter is that scientific study and the Bible both require faith. For instance, Mr. Sagan and many scientists begin their study with the assumption that "the cosmos is all there is"; that is, there is nothing outside the cosmos, including God.

They have not factually disproved God; they have ruled him out by their assumption. You see, the very starting point of their study requires faith and—in my thinking—an enormous amount of faith.

Their faith assumption significantly affects the way that they interpret the "facts" of science. Scientific discovery continues to reveal an incredibly complex, beautiful, orderly, and interdependent universe.

But the initial assumption of many scientists forces them to maintain that the universe is the product of billions of random, chance accidents that somehow formed the order and precision that we now see. Now that's faith!

we now see. Now, that's faith!

Don't be fooled; scientists depend on faith just as much as readers of the Bible do, and it is one's beliefs that will determine just how he interprets the facts.

It is at this point that we will do well to heed Mr. Sagan's advice to be "wary of our penchant for self-deception."

Your comments are welcomed. Send any replies to: P.O. Box 130, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Lenten Prayer, Song

At Dominican Nuns

and Benediction.



KELLY CONNOR

Kelly Connor Enters Mass. Teen Pageant

Miss Kelly Connor, 16, the daughter of Bob and Mary Connor of Agawam, has been selected as an entrant in the first annual Massachusetts Most Beautiful Teen Pagent to be held on Sunday, March 15th, at the Quality Inn in Northampton.

She will compete in interview, sportswear, and formalwear. Judging will be based on her poise and personality. The winner's prize package totals over \$1,000.

Miss Connor will have the opportunity to meet new friends from other areas of the Bay State and meet the guest of honor, Miss Massachusetts Teen Beauty 1992, Lisa Homer.

Miss Connor is being sponsored by her parents.

Zambelli Family Announces Birth Of Grandson, Anthony

Mrs. Lee Mauri Zambelli is proud to announce the birth of a new grandson, Anthony Stephen Zambelli, who was born on February 13th, 1992

Zambelli, who was born on February 13th, 1992.
The baby's parents are Stephen Mauri Zambelli and Tracy Gumlaw Zambelli of 92 Lloyd Avenue, Springfield.

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JILLIAN SWEATLAND & MICHAEL SHAYDA

Jillian Sweatland To Wed Mr. Shayda

Suffield: Mr. & Mrs. Guy Sweatland of West Suffield today announced the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Ann Sweatland, to Michael James Shayda, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Shayda of Agawam.

Miss Sweatland is a 1984 graduate of Suffield High School. She is employed at Hamilton Stan-

dard, Windsor Locks.

Mr. Shayda is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School. He attends Technical Careers Institute in Windsor, and will graduate in June as an HVAC technician.

A September 1992 wedding is planned.

Eric R. Doscher Enlists In U.S. Army; At Fort Benning

Eric R. Doscher has enlisted in the U.S. Army full time.

He reported to Fort Benning, Georgia on February 26th for basic training and advanced individual training as an infantryman.

Eric is the son of Martha DeFilippi and stepfather James DeFilippi of Agawam. He is a 1991 honor student graduate of Agawam

High School.
Sgt. Raymond Abrahms of the Westfield Army

recruiting station assisted Eric with his Army enlistment.

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Ag. Girl Scouts In "Girl Scout Sunday"

On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country,

To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.
You are cordially invited to join the Agawam unit of the Girl Scouts at Girl Scout Sunday. Sunday. March 2th marks the hearing to the Cirl Scout day, March 8th marks the beginning of Girl Scout Week, which will be particularly exciting this year since Girl Scouts are also celebrating their 80th anniversary

By all of us joining together as one group to worship on this Sunday, and by the inclusion of the girls in many aspects of the service from a Brownie choir to older G.S. readings, we hope they will more fully understand that related portion of the Promise (at the top of this article).

Although G.S. Sunday has been held in other area churches in the past and may be again in the future, this year's observance will be at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church on Springfield Street, All religious denominations are welcome to attend.

There will be coffee, juice, and pastnies immediately following the service at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam. Please join us for this very special G.S. event.

Ag. Garden Club To Open Season

The Agawam Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Officers for the year include Judy Climi, president; Denise Carmody, vice-president; Priscilla Andrews, secretary; Barbara Farrington, treasurer; and Nancy "Rainbow" Shaer, publicity. Program for the evening will be hobby sharing and a "Penny Auction," with all members participating.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. The public is invited to attend. Upcoming Garden Club programs include April 14th when Phil DeStefano, manager of the Spread of the S ingfield Recycling facility, will share ways we can recycle.

Christian Healing At St. David's Church

The public is invited to a program devoted to the teaching and practice of Christian healing prayer, to be held at St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Wednesday evening, March 11th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
This is sponsored by the Hampden County

chapter of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, which for over 50 years has sought to restore the healing ministry to all branches of the church around the world.

Preceding the program at 6:00 p.m., visitors are also welcome to share in a pot-luck supper, and are requested to phone ahead (737-3793) about

what to bring.

At 7:00 p.m., following some songs of praise, there will be an explanation of the Order of St. Luke and an induction of new members who have been studying the healing ministry since last fall.

The evening will conclude with a teaching at 8:00 p.m. by the Reverend Frank Howard of Trinity Church, Tariffvile, CT, and with healing prayer ministry at the altar rail for all seeking help for some physical or emotional need.

Father Howard, formerly Associate of the Church of the Atonement, Westfield, has been an Order of St. Luke Chaplain for a number of years.

Nutrition & Healthy Eating Sponsored By Welcome Wagon

Nutrition and healthy eating will be the subject of the Tuesday, March 10th meeting of the Welcome Wagon Club of West Springfield and

Sandra Knoll, M.S., a Registered Dietician employed at Baystate Medical Center, will speak about informed "label-reading" on food products,

among other topics.

Welcome Wagon Club meetings are always open to the general public and are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Mit-tineague Congregational Church, Route 20, West Springfield.

For additional information and/or directions, call Jean Wiernasz, 786-5365.

Ag. Senior Center **Weekly Lunch Menu**

Monday, March 9th: Chicken soup, quiche, broccoli, tossed salad, whole wheat bread, fresh

Tuesday, March 10th: Baked chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, corn, Canadian oat bread, pears.

Wednesday, March 11th: Turkey a la king, fluffy white rice, mixed vegetables, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

Thursday, March 12th: Strip steak, mashed potatoes, peppers & onions, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding.

Friday, March 13th: St. Patrick's Day Celebration—Corned beef, boiled potato, cabbage & carrots, Irish soda bread, shamrock cake.

Lenten Discussions At F.H. Congregational

The Feeding Hills Congregational Church will hold the first of its Lenten discussions, "God & Religion in the Secular Press," Sunday evening, March 8th.

The discussion will be preceded by a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church at 786-5061.

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Many Programs Slated At Methodist Church

Agawam United Methodists invite the public to their extensive array of programs in the first part of March, at the church on Route 57 (across from

the Agawam High School athletic fields).
Worship and Sunday School will be held every
Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with child care and a coffee

This Sunday, March 8th, Pastor Laurence Hill will preach on "Tough People for Tough Times."
Sunday, March 15th, will be Cub Scout Recogni-

tion Sunday, when Cub Scout Pack No. 85 (sponsored by the church) will be honored and assist in

leading the service.

The Visitation Committee will be leaving the church at 7:00 p.m. on March 6th, 13th, 17th, and

19th to visit parishioners in the community.

The Missions Committee will meet on Monday, March 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Laura and Bud Hardy.

The Big E Project Committee will meet Tuesday, March 10th, at the church to begin preparations for the church's Food Booth at the Eastern

States Exposition, September 16th through 27th.
Anyone interested in this project is invited to call
Percy Mickey at 786-7991.
On Thursday, March 12th, the church will host
the United Methodist Mission Society of Greater
Springfield at the Learning Tree, a tutorial program working with school dropouts.
Arthur Serota Learning Tree Director will

Arthur Serota, Learning Tree Director, will speak at the 7:30 p.m. gathering. Persons interested in attending this program in Springfield may call Pastor Hill at 786-5278.

A Community Prayer Service for Agawam will be held at the church on Sunday, March 15th, at 7:00 p.m. People of all denominations are invited for hymns and prayers for personal and communi-

Adult Bible Study is open to all on Mondays at 7:30 p.m., and on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Public Sky-Gazing At Science Museum

The observatory at the Springfield Science Museum will be open for public sky-gazing on Friday, March 13th, at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Springfield Stars Club will operate the museum's 20-inch rooftop telescope and help visitors spot the night's most interesting

celestial sights.
Objects to be viewed include Jupiter with its cloud bands and four largest moons, the Orion

Nebula, and the first quarter Moon.

There is a fee of \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children. The program will be cancelled if the sky is overcast.

The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut streets in downtown Springfield. For information, please call the museum at (413) 733-1194.

Irish Couples Dance At Elks Lodge March 14th

The West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks, Morgan Road, West Springfield, will hold an "Irish Couples Dance" on Saturday, March 14th. At this time, the Elks are honoring member Jack Allen as "Irish Elk of the Year.

A dinner of corned beef and cabbage will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by dancing from 8:00 p.m. to midnight to the sounds of the "Winemakers." The cost is \$25 per couple. For further information, call 736-0207.

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MR. & MRS. THOMAS MEZZETTI, JR.

Jacintha Gabler Weds Thomas Mezzetti, Jr.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Manhattan, was the setting of the wedding of Jacintha Gabler and Thomas Mezzetti, Jr. The ceremony was con-

celebrated by Father George Rutler, Father Karl Huller, Father John Paul Gasparini, Father Shelley, and Father Mircea.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gabler of Denver, Colorado. Parents of the bridegroom are Tom & Barbara Mezzetti of Agawam Agawam.

Lucinda Gabler was maid-of-honor and her

sister, Yvette Gabler served as flower girl.
Bridesmaids included Lisa Hayden, sister of

the groom; Theresa Famoloro, Barbara Machie-jewski, Rachel Suchman, Mollie Martin, Laura Ginotti, Cathy Dunbar, and Suzanne Tanzi. Frank Scibelli was the best man. Ushers includ-ed James Bruno and Tony Buoniconti, cousins of the groom; David and Damien Gabler, brothers of the bride: Stave Hayden, Andrew Spanier, Tom In the bride; Steve Hayden, Andrew Spanier, Tom Inglesky, and Stan Warren.

The bride graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prior to her marriage she was employed as a paralegal in New York Ci-

ty.
Mr. Mezzetti graduated from the Eaglebrook School for Boys and Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass. He is also a graduate of Columbia College, New York City, and is currently a fourth year medical student at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is presently studying at the University of Paris Medical School, Paris, France.

After a tour of Ireland, England, Italy, Austria, and Germany, the couple will return home where Mr. Mezzetti will begin his intership and residency at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Children's Programs At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden has openings in its March line-up of children's programs. Pre-registration is required at least three days in advance of each program. For further information or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 566-8034.

LET'S GO FLY A KITE (Grades K-2). Saturday, March 14th, 10:00 a.m. to noontime.

Chase away the chill of winter with colorful kites. This mini-workshop will include a demonstration of different winged-and-finned flyers as well as the opportunity to make your own kite. Fees are \$5.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$6.50 for non-members.

KIDS & PARENTS: IN LIKE A LION, OUT LIKE A LAMB: (Ages 3½ to 5, & adult). Saturday, March 14th, 10:00 a.m. to noontime.

Welcome spring with your favorite preschooler by participating in a combination of indoor and outdoor activities guaranteed to shake off those winter doldrums. Fees are \$10 per child/adult pair and \$12 for non-members.

T. REX & HER DINNER (Grades 1 & 2). Saturday,

T. REX & HER DINNER (Grades 1 & 2). Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 a.m. to noontime.

From the carnivorous Tyrannosaurus Rex to the smaller dinosaurs that it preyed upon, these extinct animals fascinate many. Learn about dinosaurs through a variety of activities, including the creation of your own dinosaur T-shirt. Fees are \$5.50 and \$6.50 for non-members.

FANTASTIC FLYING MACHINES (Grades 3 - 6). Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 a.m. to noontime.

Spend your morning making assorted flyers and floaters, including boomerangs and parachutes. Once all "props" are in place, pilots will assemble and launch their craft. Fees are \$5.50 and \$6.50 for non-members.

non-members.

Early Spring Program At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, is providing an in-depth look at "Early Spring Amphibians & Reptiles" on Wednesday, March 11th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., as the last in the series of "Wednesday Evenings with A Naturalist"

Evenings with A Naturalist."

With the spring emergence of spotted salamanders, wood frogs, spring peepers, and spotted turtles just around the corner, Laughing Brook naturalist Scott Jackson is offering a

refresher course on local herps.
Information will also be presented on how to become involved in the Mass. Herp Atlas Project being launched this spring. Fees for the presenta-tion are \$3 for Mass. Audubon members and \$4 for non-members. Pre-registration is not required. For more info, call 566-8034.

Roast Beef Supper At F.H. Congregational

Operation Friendship of America at Feeding Hills Congregational Church will be holding a Roast Beef Supper at the church on Saturday, March 14th.

The dinner consists of roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, tossed salad, juice, coffee, and dessert. There will be continuous serv-

ing from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The donation is \$6.75 for adults and \$3.50 for kids (under five is free). For reservations call Roxanne Zern, 786-1679; Wess Mueller, 789-1757; and Kathy Rose, 786-0195.

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Crafts Show Held At St. John's Church





A LATE WINTER CRAFT SHOW was recently held at St. John's Parish Center, Agawam Center. IN PHOTO LEFT, Danielle Lapidus and Evelyn Smith display their crafts while Edie Chiba of Feeding Hills (PHOTO RIGHT) was selling used books. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack

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JEAN NEWMAN (left) and Laura Newman were two of the artisans who participated in the recent Crafts Show at St. John's Parish Center, Agawam. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



1992 WESTERN MASS. EASTER CHILD, Charlie Ryan, 12 of West Springfield, wishes Agawam residents Richard Hanchett of Park WestBank (standing) and Steven Etkin of Oliver Auto Body, good luck in their fundraising efforts for the 1992 Easter Seal Telethon. TV-22 will air the Telethon on Sunday, March 8th.

Agawam Congregational Church Plans Zucco Scholarship Supper For March 8th

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces that it will be holding its Zucco Scholarship Supper on Sunday night, March 8th, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Guest entertainment will be provided by magician Tom O'Brien. There will be a silent auction that will be a silent auction.

featuring a weekend getaway to Cape Cod, two junior season passes to Riverside Park, and two tickets to a StageWest production.

Vendors Sought For "Founder's Day"

Space is now available for vendors interested in selling food items at the Fifth Annual Founders' Day celebration.

The event is to take place Friday evening, May oth, and Saturday, May 9th, on the grounds of Heritage Hall Nursing Centers, 61 Cooper Street.

This annual event is to include a variety of stage entertainment throughout the two days, games and rides for the family to enjoy, craft vendors displaying items for sale, and much more.

Vendor space may be reserved by contacting Molly Yacavone at 786-8000.

Proceeds from the night will go to 1992 scholar-ships that will be awarded in June.

A Lenten Relate Bible Study series is being held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Barry Toussaint and Reverend Fuller will present this hour-long program that relates God's word to the reality of everyday life.

St. David's To Hold **Benefit Supper**

St. David's Episcopal Church, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a benefit supper for Mr. Dick Foley to

be held at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper Street, Agawam, on Saturday, March 7th.

Continuous servings of chicken and ziti will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A donation of \$7.50 for adults, and \$3.75 for children under 12 years, is

Proceeds from the supper will go towards the purchase of a portable wheelchair for Dick, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, and for the even-tual renovation of his house to make it fully wheelchair accessible.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Further information about the supper may be obtained by contacting St. David's Church at 786-6133.

TV-22 To Telecast **Easter Seal Telethon**

The Easter Seal Telethon will broadcast over WWLP-TV 22 in Springfield on Sunday, March 8th, for the eighth consecutive year.

Hosts from the station are Sy Becker, Brenda Garton, Barry Kriger and Bill Pepin. Bill Hess of WHYN-FM Radio is a guest host.

The Telethon will open at 11:00 a.m. with Western Massachusetts Easter Seal Child Charlie

Ryan, 11, of West Springfield, and Easter Seal Board Chairman, Paul Kwasnick kicking off the

Every hour until the Telethon ends at 7:00 p.m. will include appearances by Easter Seal children, volunteers and supporters from communities all

over Western Massachusetts.
Last year the Easter Seal Telethon raised \$2.3 million statewide to fund such Easter Seal services as summper camp, home health care, stroke support groups, independence through technology, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, therapeutic swim programs, equipment loan and information and referral services.

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To ease the burden, some people turn to professional financial planning. Financial planning is a service that involves analyzing a person's current financial situation and designing a comprehensive strategy to help achieve such financial goals as tax savings, education, a new home or a self-sufficient retirement.

In general, a financial planner can help you develop a financial plan that incorporates your individual needs and objectives. The planner can analyze your current financial situation, assist you in identifying your goals for the future and help determine the amount of time it will take to reach those goals, along with the amount of money it will take.

When you meet with a financial planner, it's likely that you'll be asked some frank questions,

such as:

"How much money do you make?"; "How much debt do you owe?"; "How many children do you have?"; "Would you like to own your own home some day?"; "Do you plan on paying for your children's college education?" "What kind of

retirement lifestyle do you want to have?"

The answers to those questions will help the planner develop a plan tailored specifically for your situation.

Once the planner has analyzed your situation, he or she should then help you select the investment products and services that are appropriate for your objectives and that will help you meet your goals within the desired timeframe.

However, even though many financial planners can sell you products and services, earning a commission (just as a broker or insurance agent might do), you should be under no obligation to implement the plan with the planner or company that analyzed your situation.

Some financial planners work on commission, based on the amount eventually invested, and produce a financial plan free of charge. Others charge either a straight or an hourly fee, ranging from as little as \$50 up to several thousand dollars, depending on the complexity of the plan.

Most planners, however, charge a planning fee and earn a commission for selling financial pro-ducts. You should find out, up front, how your planner-or a planner you're considering-earns his/her compensation.

Once your plan is implemented, a diligent financial planner should regularly review your progress and suggest timely ideas to help you continue to

reach your goals as they evolve over time.
Having a financial plan and sticking to it is one way to overcome the financial and emotional anxleties of managing your finances. If you don't have the time, knowledge or inclination to do your own financial planning, you might want to consider the services of a professional.

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BERNARD J. SMITH (center) of West Springfield receives a plaque for his 50th anniversary of licensure from Richard J. Curran, president of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association and funeral director of Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of Agawam and West Springfield. Curran's daughter, Brenda, and Smith's son, Bernard Jr., look on. The ceremony was held in Boston's Quincy Market.

Curran-Jones Funeral Home Honors Bernard J. Smith For 50th Year

Bernard J. Smith of the Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam, recently accepted a plaque of recognition from the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association in honor of his 50th anniversary of licensure.

The plaque, presented by the Massachusetts

Funeral Directors Association President Richard J. Curran of West Springfield, was given at a ceremony at the Great Hall, Quincy Market,

Smith resides at 54 Oakland Street, West Springfield. He has been an employee at Curran-

Jones Funeral Homes since 1936. He was a member of the Agawam Rotary for six years and is a current member of the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Club. He is an active member of St. Thomas Church in West Springfield.

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the hours of 2:15 and 4:15 p.m.

The workshops will be held at AMANDA'S RESTAURANT (the restaurant will be closed), 740 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, near the police station (special thanks to Dave Tourville for letting up to the restaurant) ting us use his restaurant).

I will discuss several of the most critical areas that are ALWAYS OVERLOOKED BY ALL HOME SELLERS/AGENCIES...areas that I firmly believe are essential for a fast sale at top dollar in today's

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you is the interest rate...you want it as low as possible.

You should have some consideration for the annual fee...and the grace period should not matter.

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Dave's Soda & Pet Food City Grows Again





DAVE'S SODA & PET FOOD CITY is located on Ramah Circle, Agawam, just beyond Walnut Street Extension. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

TIPS - from Page 18...

If you have out of pocket business expenses, you may want to use a third card exclusively for business, which should simplify your accounting and tax reporting.

Many credit cards are now offering perks... analyze them carefully. Do you NEED the perks... and what is it REALLY costing you? Check whether its benefits are duplicates of coverage you already have under homeowner or automobile

Are premium cards worth the typical higher annual fees...again, take a good hard look at them. If you want higher credit limits, usually you can accomplish this simply by asking the bank to increase your line on your current cards.

Many people still believe that you can only ac-

quire a card from your current lender...credit cards are available for you from most banks throughout the country. As we discussed, shop around for the best deal. AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME RESEARCHING THIS AREA CAN SAVE YOU HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS PER YEAR.

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Best Local News



WITH THE BUZZ PHRASE "Dave's Soda & Pet Food City, When You're Lookin' For Cheap & Not Lookin' For Pretty," owner and operator Dave Ratner (above) recently opened his third store in Springfield. Dave's Agawam store, located on Ramah Circle, is stocked with everything you could imagine in the line of pet foods and soda. Another trademark of Dave's Soda & Pet Food City is the terrific and cordial service given to customers by the staff. Advertiser

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



LISA PIERGIOVANNI-CIEJKA

Westfield Savings Has New Asst. Vice-Pres.

Westfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce

the promotion of Systems Officer Lisa Piergiovanni-Ciejka, to Assistant Vice President.

Ms. Piergiovanni-Ciejka started her career with Westfield Savings Bank in 1983. Beginning in the Savings Department, she became a Systems Officer in 1987 and was named Manager of a newly formed Operations Department in 1988.

In her new position, she is responsible for Internal Data Processing, the Checking Department, Quality Control and Purchasing.

Upon making the announcement, President Don Williams noted that the promotion of Ms. Piergiovanni-Ciejka, "...reinforces Westfield Savings Bank's commitment to develop and promote talent from within the bank. As a hometown bank, we pride ourselves on the knowledge and local pride our people bring to their banking responsibilities.

Ms. Piergiovanni-Ciejka is a graduate of Gateway High School and Westfield State College. She resides in Westfield with her husband,

Gary Ciejka.



JACK SOJA (left) and LARRY LANDRY of Landry, Lyons & Whyte Co. congratulate Sue Beukenkamp for being the "Top Associate's" in the firm's West Springfield Office.

Susan Beukenkamp "Top Associate" At Landry, Lyons & Whyte Co.

Laurence D. Landry, President of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co./Better Homes and Gardens, is pleased to announce that Sue Beukenkamp is the recipient of the firm's "Top Associate" award of the West Springfield office.

Sue resides in West Springfield and entered the real estate business in 1984. She has been associated with LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Com-

pany for the past six years and has consistently achieved status in the multi-million dollar club. LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co./Better Homes

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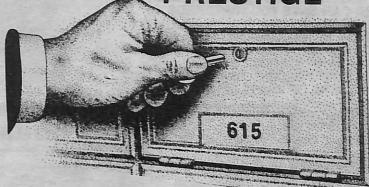
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For Your Health

F.H. Medical Center Has Better Program To Stop Smoking

Feeding Hills Medical Center, an affiliate of Noble Hospital, is offering a Nicotine Patch Program to help you quit the smoking habit.

The Nicotine Patch, which became available to the general public in January 1992, is a prescribed method of nicotine deterrent that a shown to be helpful for papels who went to quit smoking. The helpful for people who want to quit smoking. The patch comes in various sizes and is prescribed according to each individual's dependency on

However, there is no guarantee of success with the program and quitting the habit will require considerable effort on the part of the patient.
Increase Chance Of Quitting

"Using the patch can significantly increase a smoker's chance of quitting," said Dr. Kevin Quinlan, an Agawam resident who is a physician of internal medicine at Feeding Hills Medical Center, "It has shown to be very beloful in highly." Center. "It has shown to be very helpful in highlymotivated smokers.'

According to Dr. Quinlan, interested participants are given a patient information kit about one of the patch programs, Nicoderm or Habitrol. The kit is free and available at the Feeding Hills Medical Center.

The Feeding Hills Medical Center, located in the Galleria Shops, corner of North and North Westfield Streets, is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m., every Saturday and Sunday.
For further information about the Nicotine
Patch Program, call Feeding Hills Medical Center, 786-1500

Breast Cancer Support At Mercy Hospital

The Breast Cancer Support Group will be held weekly in the month of March at the Women's Pavilion at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health.

The group is open to women who have ex-perienced mastectomy and other breast surgery or have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. The group is also open to family and friends who are close to the cancer patient and want to share in their experiences and concerns.

The group will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Women's Pavillon. For more information, call 785-4637.

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Chronic Pain Sufferers Dr. Coughlin Has Can Receive Support

Persons who suffer with chronic pain are invited to attend a support group that will meet on Monday, March 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Garvey Room of the Deliso Conference Center at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health.

This is an open discussion meeting, designed to provide belonged support to persons family.

to provide help and support to persons, family members, and others affected by chronic pain. This meeting will also be used to develop members' interests and ideas for future meetings,

such as guest speakers, special events, etc.
This meeting will be facilitated by Meredith Mc-Carran, Ph.D. who is the Clinical director of the Pain Management Program at the Center for Behavioral Medicine at the Weldon Center for

Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital.

There is no fee, and coffee will be served.

This meeting, held the second Monday evening of each month, is open to anyone who is experiencing chronic pain or who has a friend or loved one suffering from chronic pain.

For more information, contact Peg Valley at

Dr. Tina Ross To Air **Program On Your Back**

Dr. Tina D. Ross, Chiropractic Physician, will present a lecture titled "PREVENTION OF BACK INJURIES" on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

Over five million working and pleasure hours are lost each year because of back and neck pain. Dr. Ross will show you how to prevent a problem

from occurring in the first place.

This is the third in a five-part series of lectures on "HEALTH AND FITNESS" being presented on consecutive Wednesday evenings at the Agawam Public Library

Future topics are "COMBATING STRESS" on March 18th, and "SITTING ON THE JOB" on March 25th.

All lectures are free and open to the public. Interested persons may register for any or all of the Health and Fitness programs by calling the library

New Laser System For Dental Practice

The dental practice of Auerbach, Coughlin, Sullivan, and Associates, located at 1795 Main Street, Springfield, Suite 212, has announced the installation of a state-of-the-art laser that will take the place of the traditional scalpel and drill in many dental procedures.

The laser system, which was purchased from Luxar Corporation, a leading manufacturer of dental and medical lasers, is the first one in use in the Springfield area.

According to Dr. Kevin Coughlin, a 1976 graduate of Agawam High School, he and Dr. John Sullivan made the investment in the laser system because it offers their patients substantial benefits.

For example, Dr. Coughlin said, laser surgery produces minimal swelling and scarring compared to conventional methods. Also, laser surgery frequently reduces the length of surgery

and of the post-operative healing process.

Says Dr. Coughlin, "Many patients report that laser procedures are significantly less painful than conventional procedures. In addition, because the laser is a non-contact instrument, it does not create the noise and vibration associated with dental drills."

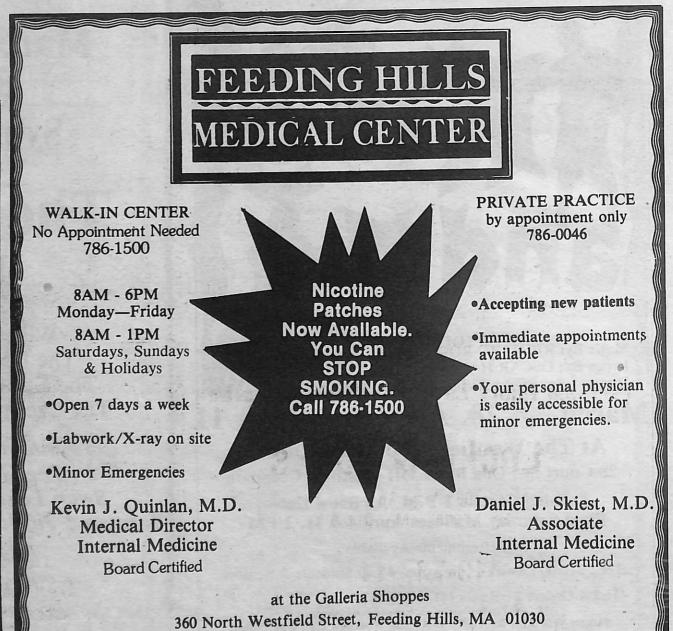
At this time, the CO2 laser utilized by Dr. Coughlin is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for a broad range of oral pro-

Dr. Coughlin says that the demand for this type of instrument is particularly high because of its given effectiveness for dental surgery and soft tissue management. In the future, he expects that the laser will be utilized for more routine procedures, including decay removal and root canal

"We're always investigating new technological advances in dentisty so that we can offer the most efficient and comfortable methods of care. We're pleased to be able to provide the benefits of the laser system to our patients," added Dr. Coughlin.

The Office of Auerbach, Coughlin, Sullivan, and Associates has been providing general dental care and cosmetic dentistry to the Greater Springfield area since 1983.

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Westfield Theatre Rehearsing For "The King & I"

There is a wonderful musical in the works at the Westfield Woman's Club. "The King & I," by Rodgers and Hammerstein, will be presented by the Westfield Theatre Group for three weekends.

Director Robert Laviolette is known for his creativity and award-winning acting, directing, and costume design. Karen Johnson Dion is the musical director for this story, about a British schoolteacher who goes to Siam to teach the many children of the wives of the king.

Mary Ann Scognamiglio, award-winning costume designer, has designed and made many of the beautiful costumes, and many more are being shipped from a professional costumer in

The set, designed by Bob Laviolette and Larry Andersen, comes alive with the wonderful acting, singing, and dancing by the adults and children of this all-star cast.

Allan McPherson, as the King of Siam, is joined by Paula Cardinal, as Anna Leonowens. Paula's real-life son, Adam, plays the role of her stage son, Louis, in the show.

Lopsy James, Melanie Murray, Michael Holt, Gary Tomestic, Philip Beattie, Jeff Lafoe, Jordan Page, and Neil Musante are joined by a huge cast

of royal wives, priests, royal children, and guards.
Tickets are available for the March 28th, April
3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th performances at the
Westfield Woman's Club box office on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., or by calling 730-4838 to make reservations.

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A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE REHEARSE a song and dance number from "The King & I" to be presented by the Westfield Theatre Gruop for three weekends beginning March 7th.

Art Of Joe Potter At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce an exhibit of the work of Joe Potter.

Joe is an area artist with a background in advertising. He is a freelance illustrator/designer and nurtures a long time interest in painting.

The artist has been developing his work in acrylics with an underlying twentieth century retro theme that focuses on scenes from the backstreets of America.

"I'm primarily interested in staring back at

situations that might otherwise be bland at moments. I hope to give them a spoonful of pep!"

The subject matter is produced by composing images based on original drawings and photographs. Joe compiles elements from old photos, props, people, and locations to create his mixed media art works.

The exhibit will be on display in the gallery during the month of March.

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More On The Libraries

For 10 years after the first library trustees were elected in Agawam, librarians worked without pay. In 1899, \$75 was voted; in 1901, \$100, of which Ralph Perry received \$40, S.N. Smith (\$40), and Julia Tower (\$20).

By 1947, the Agawam Center Library budget included the librarian, \$720; janitor, \$180; magazines, \$45; miscellaneous, \$30. Part of the funds came from the town and part from interest on investments, which had been hit somewhat during the Depression.

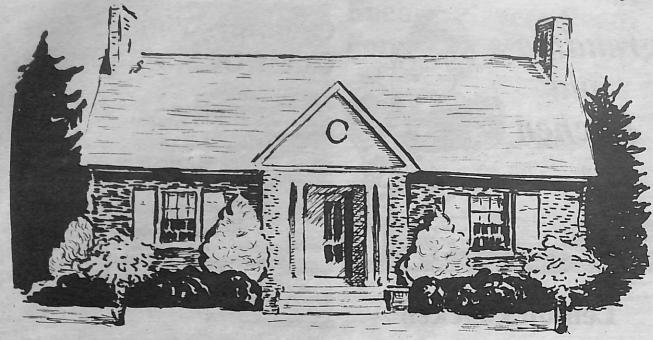
Assistants, if paid at all, were paid out of the librarian's salary. Most librarians have had little formal training. Miss McVeigh and Mrs. Kerr have

state certificates as professionals.
Those who worked in the North Agawam branch

included Henry Tower, Julia Tower, Grace Dumas, ida Bernatchez, and Mrs. Benjamin. In Feeding Hills, S.M. Smith, Rev. A.K. Gleason, Clarence Granger, Alice Granger, Eva Kerr, and

In Agawam Center, Ralph Perry, Carrie Kendall, Anna Rudman, Clara McVeigh, with assistants including Marian Seaver, Meredythe Barker, Joyce Scoville, Florence Shaw, Charles Hodges, Jessica McMahon, and Mrs. Cobb.

Through the years a variety of services were given. Help was available to students as to reading lists, assignments, and research. Story hours are held at various times. State certificates



THE OLD AGAWAM CENTER LIBRARY served the town faithfully for many years until the new library was built on Cooper Street.

were given in Feeding Hills and Agawam for children's reading programs. Books in Italian and Polish were borrowed from the state.

Books were also borrowed from Springfield through the Agawam librarian. Books taken from the shelves to make room for newer ones were given to the Salvation Army, Mrs. Batchellor's Rest Home, hospitals, and Army camps.

The resources of all libraries in town were available to the townspeople, regardless of what section they live in. They might have had a card in each one if necessary (for of course, the book collections were not clibb) lections were not alike).

Example: Feeding Hills (the former Feeding Hills Library) had the only copy of Burt's "First Hundred Years of Springfield." Agawam Center

had the most extensive collection of books on minerals. North Agawam Library, housed in Danahy School and desperately in need of space, had a fine collection of children's books.

Mrs. Benjamin opened the North Agawam Library so early that children could exchange books before going home from school on the bus. This made books available to children as far away as as Suffield and Mill Streets.

North Agawam had never received any large bequests. The Junior Woman's Club gave \$10 for books. Another organization promised a sign for the window but this never became a reality. The Edward S. Fiske Memorial Fund was given to Agawam Center in 1955 (the interest but not the principle available).

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Made from a centuries' old natural fermentation process, naturally brewed soy sauce has distinctive flavor-enhancing qualities. It flavors the delicate chicken before stir-frying, plus unifies the diverse seasonings into a zesty, freshtasting lemon sauce.

For a festive touch, top with a red bell pepper "star." A bowl of hot steamed rice is just the right accompaniment for this heavenly stir-fry.

STIR-FRY EMPRESS LEMON CHICKEN 2 tablespoons cornstarch

4 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce, divided pound boneless skinless chicken, cut into 1-inch pieces

1/2 cup sugar

21/2 teaspoons cornstarch 3/4 teaspoon lemon peel 2 tablespoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 bunch green onions, cut into 1-inch lengths Combine 2 Tbsp. cornstarch and 1 Tbsp. soy sauce in small bowl; stir in chicken. Let stand 30 minutes. Meanwhile, combine sugar, 21/2 teaspoons cornstarch, lemon peel and juice, and remaining 3 Tbsp. soy sauce and ¼ cup water; set

Heat oil in hot wok over high heat.* Add chicken and green onions; stir-fry 3 minutes. Remove. Reduce heat to medium-high. Pour soy sauce mixture into wok; bring to boil. Cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Add chicken and green onions, stirring to coat all pieces well with sauce.
Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.
*Or, if using skillet, heat oil over medium-high

Looking for fresh-baked goodness without time to spare? Apricot-Pear Strudel combines the convenience of canned fruit and frozen puff pastry, making it easy to serve a delicious strudel anytime.

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APRICOT-PEAR STRUDEL

2 sheets frozen puff pastry 1 17-ounce can California apricots, drained and

1 16-ounce can pears, drained and cut into

1/2 cup blanched slivered almonds

1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon nutmeg 1 egg, beaten with 1 teaspoon water

Thaw pastry 20 minutes; unfold and place second sheet directly on top of first sheet. Roll on a lightly floured surface to a 10x14-inch rectangle. In a large bowl, combine apricots and next 5 ingredients. Spoon fruit filling lengthwise down center third of pastry. Brush edges with egg-water mix-

Fold left side of pastry over filling; fold right side of pastry over to enclose filling. Pinch edges to seal. Roll strudel over onto ungreased baking sheet; seal edges by pressing with a fork. Brush top with egg-water mixture; refrigerate, covered, 30 minutes or overnight. Preheat oven to 425°F. With a sharp knife, lightly score top of strudel. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Makes 8 servings. Approximately 288 calories per serv-

Best Local News

Grammy-Winning Jazz Singer Diane Schuur Guest Of Springfield Symphony March 14th

Jazz vocalist Diane Schuur will join the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for a Big Band Pops Concert at Springfield Symphony Hall, Saturday, March 14th, at 8:00 p.m.

Featuring special guest conducter Lucinda Thayer, the program will include pop and Big Band hits like I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE and INDEED I DO.

Diane Schuur, also known by her nickname, "Deedles," has become one of the leading vocalists of Big Band, rhythm and blues, and popular hit music. The two-time Grammy Award-winner released her sixth album this past year, "PURE SHUUR." She is a frequent guest of "The Tonight Show" and has performed with legendary musicians like Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz, Willie Nelson, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and Ray

Although a tragic hospital accident left her blind shortly after birth, her family's support enabled her to reach beyond her disability to her dream of music and debut as a singer at the early

age of 10.

First Part Of Program The first part of the evening's concert features the Springfield Symphony performing popular favorites such as THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR and FROM A DISTANCE. Diane Shuur will then join the orchestra and sing a number of Big Band and jazz favorites, including TRAVELIN' LIGHT, EVERY DAY, and GUESS I'LL HANG MY TEARS OUT TO DRY.

Tickets for "An Evening With Diane Shuur" range in price from \$5 to \$29 and are available at the Springfield Symphony Box Office, located on the mezzanine level at Baystate West. Tickets may be charged by phone at 733-2291.

This concert, originally slated for October 19th, 1992, was postponed until the March 14th date. Tickets for this program with original date of October 19th, 1991 will be honored at the door. Any questions should be referred to the Symphony Box Office, 733-2291.



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PERFORMING A SCENE FROM "The Nerd" are Encore Players Candy Hill, Doug Major, and Tim O'Brien.

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CHRISTOPHER MCHALE and ROSE STOCKTON in "Sea Marks," a must-see play by Gardner McKay, now being performed at StageWest through March 15th. Tickets for this love story can be obtained by calling 781-2340.

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Encore Players Ready For "The Nerd"

THE NERD, the hilarious comedy written by the late Larry Shue is the next offering of Springfield's Encore Players and the stage at the MacDuffie School will be the setting for this six

The play will welcome back spring and open on Thursday evening, March 19th, and performances will follow on March 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, and will conclude with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m., Sunday matinee day, March 29th.

Steve Henderson, known to many area audiences for his multi-dimensional performances, will be THE NERD. Doug Major will play the part of the young architect, Willum, and Candy Hill will play the role of his girlfriend, Daisy.

Tim O'Brien will play Alec and Dick Volker and Evelyn Holland will play the parts of the businessman and his wife. Luke Meginsky will play their son Dick Volker in addition to acting in this play.

son. Dick Volker, in addition to acting in this play, is also the director.

Tickets in advance can be obtained at the Golden Peacock Boutique, Springfield; UBU Hair Salon, Cooper Street, Agawam, or at the door. Prices are \$7 for general admission and \$6 for senior citizens and students. The Sunday matinee is \$5. For further into act 568, 8435 or 535, 4200 is \$5. For further info, call 568-8435 or 525-4200.

Sesame Street LIVE Coming To Springfield

Sesame Street Live is kicking off its 12th season with the silliest show ever. You'll be snapping your fingers and moving to the beat when the allnew Sesame Street Live production of "Silly Dancing" comes to Symphony Hall in Springfield on March 19th through 22nd for eight performances.

Tickets, which cost \$8.50 and \$12, went on sale February 24th at the Springfield Civic Center box

office; they are also available by calling the Civic Center PhoneCharge hotline at (413) 787-6600. Tickets will also be available at all TicketMaster

Discounts of \$2.50 per ticket are available for groups of 20 or more. Call (413) 787-6610, extension 241, for performance times and additional in-

VEE Corporation, a Minneapolis-based company, presents Sesame Street Live's "Silly Dancing" in conjunction with Children's Television Workshop (CTW).

Sesame Street Live, known for outstanding family entertainment, was founded in 1980 by Vincent E. Egan, president and executive producer, with the goal of creating a theatrical touring show that would set new standards for quality entertain-

VEE Corporation has expanded dramatically over the years by developing in-house marketing and production departments and handling every

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Each show is produced in Minneapolis at an average cost of \$1.5 million. VEE Corporation productions have played in more than 260 markets and entertained more than 22 million people in the United States, Canada, Europe, Southeast Asia, Australia, and Puerto Rico.

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Ag. Arts Council Has Trip To New York The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council is planning a bus trip to New York City in May.

Anyone interested in tickets may send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to Donna Sherpa, council member, 201 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Please make the check payable to the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council. The price of the bus ticket is \$18, roundtrip and is non-refundable.

The bus trip will be Saturday, May 2, 1992, with departure time at 6:30 a.m. from the Agawam High School parking lot, Cooper Street, Agawam. The departure time is to allow sufficient time for interested parties to purchase half-price tickets to selected Broadway shows.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call council members Donna Sherpa, 786-2493, or Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138. Send for the tickets promptly. Agawam Arts and Humanities bus trips are very popular and tickets go quickly.

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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk Advertiser News Staff

Though it opened to mixed reviews, I found Radio Flyer to be a wonderful if hard-hitting movie with a message.

Radio Flyer is a fantasy, a film that challenges the viewer to simply accept its ending in the spirit of imagination. Before it issues that challenge, however, it takes its audience through some sometimes troubling scenes of child abuse, showing a diffcult subject through the eyes of the victims (in this case, two young boys).

Elijah Wood and Joseph Mazzello are Mike and Bobby, two youngsters transplanted to California

Bobby, two youngsters transplanted to California by their abandoned mom, Mary (Lorraine Bracco).

It's a cross-country journey made on jars of peanut butter, a lot of hope, a German Shepard (part human) named Shane, and very little money. Though the displaced family stays with relatives for a while latives.

relatives for a while, it isn't long before a lonely mom hooks up with a blue-jeaned stud who likes to be called "the King" (Adam Baldwin).

Their discovery of their new Called state of a kid

cludes a retelling of a legend; the story of a kid named Fisher who 'flew' his bike off the roof of a barn and lived to tell about it.

The story rambles at a leisurely pace through boyish things like catching giant bullfrogs, exploring the hillsides, and building a private fortress in the old shed in the back yard—a shed occupied by a massive turtle they call Samson.

But in between the gentle spirit of their lives looms the King, whose brutality is first viewed in his refusal to talk to a sheriff who stops by with a warm welcome to the community, and soon after in a backhanded punch over a broken fishing

The victim is always Bobby, the younger, gentler child who can't or won't fight back.

The abuse escalates, and mom working two shifts a day is completely unaware of the horror existing within the walls of her home.

As the boys try to 'protect' their mom from the truth, they are in turn partly protected by the ever faithful dog, Shane, who would rip the King to shreds in a single command that never comes from the boys.

Radio Swing Orchestra To Perform In Town For "First Friday"

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council will be having the Radio Swing Orchestra for the March First Friday Series.

The band will be performing at the Agawam Junior High School on Friday, March 6th at 7:30

The Radio Swing Orchestra has been active in Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut since its formation in 1984. All members of the Swing Orchestra have been classically trained in various colleges in the area and most have performed together in different jazz and classical settings

The Radio Swing Orchestra was formed to explore and promote the music of the Big Band Era, featuring Glen Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, the Dorsey Brothers, and Benny Goodman. The band also maintains for special functions, an R & B library from the 50's and 60's.

The Swing Orchestra is a nine piece group, featuring a brass, reed, and rhythm sections. The members hail from all parts of Massachusetts.

On brass, there is Tom Greenwood, Shawn Devlin and Mike Abert. The rhythm section features James Robinson, Dennis LeBeau and Robert Pierce.





MIKE AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, BOBBY, find strength in each other and their best friend, Shane, in "Radio Flyers."

The youths retreat into a dreamworld, with Bobby always drifting off into his own personal NeverNever Land, a journey his older brother can't understand or even begin to fathom. His destina-

tion: escape. His inspiration: Fisher.

Under the direction of Richard Donner, abuse has no face. The filming is done predominantly from a child's eye view, with adults having to come down into a child's world and a child's

height to see the images.

The King is rarely shown in total; the shots have

The King is rarely shown in total; the shots have him on the fringes: a large, looming adult seen from chest to thigh, beer cans in hand, a figure of power, rage, a mysterious shadow that haunts the boys, but could be anyman (or anywoman).

The picture hits all the stereotypes, the most blatant being the "honeymoon" period after King puts Bobby in the hopsital via a brutal beating. It's mom's wake-up call, and she sent the brut packing... until his tentative, apologetic return, shown

from chest to thigh with a bouquet of flowers and

two brightly wrapped gifts for the boys.

And so Bobby plots his escape, using limitless imagination and lots of faith to convert his Radio Flyer wagon into a real flying machine.

Radio Flyer includes some small but memorable parts, not the least of which is Ben Johnson as Geronimo Bill, keeper of a wild west exhibit the family visits en route to California, and Robert

Munic as the older Fisher of flying fame.

Radio Flyer is the kind of film that entertains and educates, and includes a profound message for children that there is a way out of abusive situations, and it doesn't have to be a flight of fancy. The film concludes with the phone number for a Child Abuse hotline.

Whether young children should see the film is at the discretion of parents, but the film is quality material, well presented, and opens up still another serious topic for discussion.

Ag. Repertory To Stage British Comedy

The Agawam Repertory Theater will inaugurate its coming home to Agawam with its presentation of the wildly funny British sex comedy "Move Over Mrs. Markham" on March 27th at the Valley

Community Church in Feeding Hills.

Additional performances are March 28th and April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The curtain time for all per-

formances is 8:00 p.m.

Director Jean Burns of Agawam describes "Move Over Mrs. Markham" as a comedy in the

tradition of "No Sex Please, We're British."

"It is fast, zany, with unique situations and characters. And the actors are having great fun playing these people."

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The cast includes Agawam residents Laura Lezon-Scantlen and Susan Graham, as well as Bob Sands of Feeding Hills. Other performers include Sheryl Stanzak and Alan Morse, who'll be portraying the Markhams.

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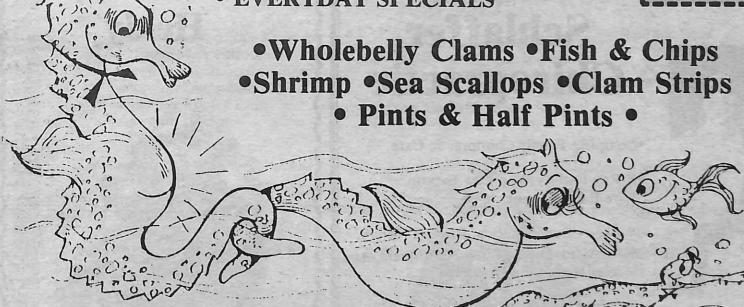
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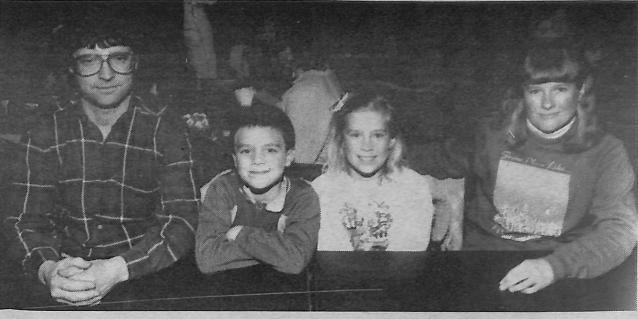
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PHELPS SCHOOL HELD A FAMILY POT LUCK SUPPER last month. IN TOP PHOTO are Jessica Tully and Adam Szymanski; IN PHOTO BELOW are Brandon Donovan and Courtney Adamczyk. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



HAVING A GRAND TIME at the Pot Luck Supper sponsored by Phelps School last month were (TOP PHOTO) the McGuire family - Steve, Brian, Jennifer, & Judy McGuire; PHOTO BELOW, students Julie Isabelle, Nicole Macey, Bridget Donovan, and Brad Theriaque. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





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Music Talent Showcased At AHS Top 40







SOME OF THE FEATURED VOCALISTS at the recent Agawam High School Winter Top 40 included, from left - Aaron Lajeuresse, Clara von Hollander, and Meghan Albano. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 1. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women Sponsoring Essay Contest

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a "MY FAVORITE PERSON" essay contest for all middle school students.

Each essay must be a minimum of one page and not more than two; and will be judged on Creativity, Originality, Legibility and Content.

The subject must be personally known to the student, such as a relative, teacher, coach,

clergyperson, scout leader or friend. Entries must be submitted to the middle school office no later than March 17th.

Winners will be announced prior to April 14th. Rules have been sent home with all middle school

Anyone wishing another copy, please call Donna Shibley at 786-3888.

Two Town Residents On U Of Hartford Dean's List

Kimberly Chaffee and Stephen Kallipolites of Agawam have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester of the 1991-92 academic year at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT.
They are both full-time students at the College

of Arts and Sciences.

The sculpture "Water" will be made possible with the generosity of the citizens of Agawam, and the support of the following major contributors:

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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, March 9th: Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and creamy dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, March 10th: Cheeseburger in roll, steamed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, rosy ap-i plesauce or chocolate/cherry pud-

Wednesday, March 11th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, seasoned green beans, fruit cup or wacky chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, March 12th: Roast iturkey with gravy, whippedi potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots, wheat bread and butter, !peach-fruited orange jello, milk.

Friday, March 13th: Chicken isoup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, buttered carrot coins, icreamsicle, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam iSchool Lunch.)

Middle School PTO **Announces Events**

The Agawam Middle School PTO met on February 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. There were a dozen people in attendance. The following are highlights of the night's meeting:

Food Mart register tapes have all been totaled and sent in. We collected \$218,893.00 in receipts. Thank you to all students, parents, and relatives that contributed to the cause.

A mime will be at the Middle School on March 11th to do a show for the students. The schedule is for the fifth grade at 9:30 a.m., and 10:20 a.m. for the sixth graders.

There will be a book fair on April 8th, 9th, and 10th. We are looking for volunteers to work; the shifts available are 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Donna Shibley at 786-3888, Pat Sherry at 789-1959, or Kathy DeVall at 786-2260.

The next PTO meeting is set for March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. All parents are urged to attend. Also, the PTO extends an invitation to fourth grade parents whose children are coming to the Middle School next

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Perry Lane Nursery Visited By Nurse Rines



REGISTERED NURSE NANCY RINES recently paid a visit to Perry Lane Nursery at Perry Lane Park to discuss good health habits with the preschoolers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Robinson Dedicating Library To Miss Meadon

The dedication of the Thelma E. Meadon Library at Robinson Park School will take place on Tuesday, March 10th. Public viewing of the library is

welcome from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The library is being named in honor of the late Miss Meadon, former principal of the elementary

school from 1963 to 1975. A large portion of the library's growth through the years was due to her

support and generosity.

A plaque will be erected in her memory. Other major supporters since the library's inception will

Creative Parenting At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will hold a workshop, "Creative Parenting: Fostering High Self-Esteem In Preschoolers" in the Community Room on Thursday, March 12th from 7:00 to 8:30

The speaker will be Gretchen May, M. Ed., who is an Extension Specialist with the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension System. She works primarily in the Pioneer Valley with families, schools and human service agencies on family issues. Her area of specialization is Parenting, and she has been doing programming in that field for over 14 years.

Her recently completed Master's Degree is in Adult Education with emphasis on human development and cultural awareness. In addition to bringing research based information to her workshops, Gretchen adds a "real-life" aspect,

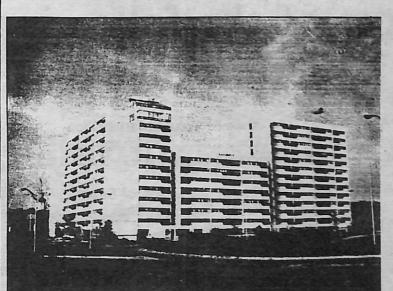
since she has two daughters of her own.

The focus of the workshop will be helping your preschooler feel good about himself or herself. Research has shown that people with high levels of self esteem are less likely to participate in high risk behaviors such as substance abuse, early sexual relationships or school dropout.

This discussion will give parents tips for helping their children develop the skills and selfperceptions needed for high self esteem.

To register for the workshop, call 789-1550 or visit the Agawam Public Library on 750 Cooper

This project is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library fun-



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For 15 consecutive hours, members of the band and colorguard played 'til they dropped...literally. In the wee hours of the morning sleeping bags adorned the hallways while a group of devoted musicians played on in the cafeteria.

The Town of Agawam will get a first-hand look at the Band-A-Thon. Through the effort of John Balboni, Ray Moreau and Continental Cablevision, a feature presentation will be aired on March 4th over the cable access channel 33 at 7:00 p.m. During the program donations will be accepted by calling the numbers to be listed across the screen.

If the first show is missed, viewers will be able to tune in again on March 6th and again on March 11th, 12th and 13th. All shows will air at 7:00 p.m on channel 33.

If you have not made a pledge and wish to do so, please use the form below and mail to the appropriate address. This event would not have been possible without the support of all of you. The Band is particularly grateful to the corporate-sector benefactors such as Springfield Institution for Savings, Strathmore Paper, BayBank, Agawam Advertiser News, Stop & Shop, Travel Line, Take Five Restaurant and H.P. Hood.

The reality of new uniforms may still be a way off, but the students and parents remain steadfast in their belief that "It can be done."

Please tune in on one of the air dates listed above and join in on the fun and excitement. Don't miss it.



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Dentist Visits Agawam Schools To Urge Healthy Habits On Keeping Teeth Clean

by Iris Copson School Dept. Editor

During February, Dental Health Month, Dr. Stephen McKenna visited each of the elementary schools in Agawam to reinforce some healthy habits about keeping teeth clean.

Dr. McKenna's office is located on Springfield Street in the practices of the dental scenter and be practiced of the stephene is content.

center, and he practices orthodontry. His hope is to begin children at a young age with proper care for their teeth in order to prevent decay and problems later on.

After visiting Clark and Phelps Schools, Dr. McKenna stopped into Granger School recently to talk with children in first grade. He asked questions to encourage them to share their knowledge about dental care.

One of the first questions helped the children to determine how many times to brush their teeth

Dr. McKenna agreed with the children that they should brush "every time you eat" and said they should also remember to "brush before going to bed, because of the long period (approximately 8 hours each night) that plaque would have to sit on the teeth and cause cavities."

Granger School nurse Joan Malachowski, R.N. and the classroom teachers listened as students determined the best average amount of daily brushings were "four times a day-after breakfast, after lunch, after dinner, and before going to bed." The students also suggested brushing "after snacks," and flossing once a day.

Dr. McKenna explained that trips twice a year to

the dentist were still necessary, even with proper brushing and flossing. He said, "You still have to go to the dentist, because no matter how well you take care of your teeth, you still might miss some things or you may still get cavities.

He also explained that X-rays were important

dental care tools and flouride treatments helped to make teeth stronger and more resistant. "to fight off cavities." He then showed the students a video entitled "The Sparkles' Space Adventure."

The children enjoyed the film where "good" Dr. Flash lived on the planet Sparkle Smile with the Sparkles, who tried to rescue children from the

"bad" Crummy Carter's planet, Cavitar.

On Cavitar, there were no dentists, no hygenists, no dental floss, no toothpaste and no flouide. Crummy Carter outlawed brushing and flossing, but made 'junk food' readily available.

Dr. McKenna picked up on the "good v. bad"

mode to talk about "evaluating foods you are going to eat." He said, "Natural sugars are okay for you, and foods that have vitamins to help you

grow bigger and stronger are good."

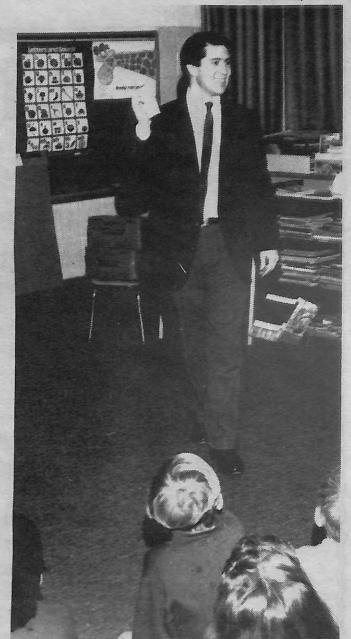
He added that, "Made sugars are bad for you, and sticky foods, too, because the food sits on your teeth and causes plaque."

He showed the children some foods and let them decide which ones had some or all of the "three properties to remember that are good for you." The children named carrots calery and apyou." The children named carrots, celery, and apples as possessing all three qualities (crunchy to help clean the teeth, natural sugars, and vitamins), but shouted a big "NO!" for the chocolate bar.

Dr. McKenna taught the children to "Do the Sparklemotion," which showed three steps to properly brushing teeth on the inside, outside, and top. He left a poster to be put up in each room

showing this procedure.

Then he reiterated that the children had learned how many times to brush each day, when to go to the dentist, what makes a food 'good', and how to brush their teeth. He passed out a 'Space Explorer Brushing Kit' to each student before he left.



DR. STEVE MCKENNA of Feeding Hills chats with students at Granger School about good dental care. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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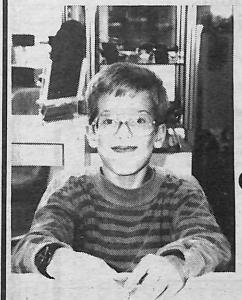
Elementary & Middle School Students Urged To Bring Non-Perishable Food For Pantry

Students in the elementary and middle schools of Feeding Hills and Agawam will be asked to bring in a non-perishable food or paper good to restock the shelves of Open Pantry in West Spr-

A notice will be sent home with each student asking them to bring in their donation the week of March 9th through the 13th. Open Pantry of West Springfield offers food, lunch and dinner to people in the neighboring towns, including Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Always needed are canned meats and fish, vegetables, peanut butter, baby foods and formula, toilet paper, paper towels and disposable diapers.

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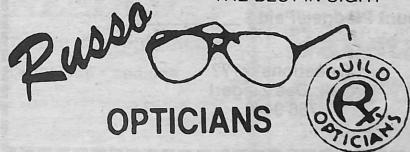


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A.S.A.P. Counseling Students At Jr. High About Drugs, Alcohol

by Iris Copson School Dept. Editor

Some Agawam Junior High School students may choose not to experiment with alcohol and other drugs after hearing what one recovering drug addict had to say during a school assembly for the Agawam Student Assistance Program (A.S.A.P.) this month.

"If no one's told you that they care about you to-day, I want to tell you that I care about you. That's why I'm here. Take care of yourself."

The words may not sound like much to a student from a loving, well-adjusted family, but students living in a dysfunctional environment need to hear those words. They need to know they matter

That was the message portrayed by three young men who have chosen to speak about their past involvement with alcohol and other drugs in hopes of preventing others from travelling the same self-destructive path.

The young men's names will not be published (for confidentiality reasons), but their words are

certainly worth repeating.

Each of the three former AHS students related that they came from "a family that wasn't normal," and one claimed, "I believe alcohol is one of the worst drugs I have ever done. I didn't learn how to care about anyone else because I didn't care about myself."

A Hush Among The Audience
As he spoke, a hush fell among the student body so suddenly it became frightening to this reporter, who wondered, "Is it just because he is so young that they relate to him, or is it the emotional situations he is revealing that they relate to

The young man stated he delved into "pot, co-caine, and then acid." He noted, "I needed money so I broke into houses and stole from my parents. When I was straight I hated myself, but I didn't

have the guts to kill myself."

He continued, "I ended up dropping out of high school and going into rehab(ilitation). I pushed my mom away. My dad wasn't around much."

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He recalled one councilor in school that kept "pushing me and showing me-showing me she cared about me and showing me I needed help."
He concluded, "Drugs took me to a lot of places

that I don't ever want to go back to, seeing the violence that I saw. Now I've learned to love

myself and take care of myself."

Then he told students to take care of themselves and he told them that he cared about

"There is help out there."

One of the other young men who spoke also told the students, "There are warning signs, and you don't have to go as far down as I did. There is help out there. You have a choice today. You don't have to get high if you choose not to."

The third young man claimed, "During the two years I did drugs, I lost a lot of chances. I look around this school and I think of all the things I missed out on and the things I could have done

missed out on and the things I could have done.

"Teachers told me, 'You have so much potential,' but the only thing that mattered to me at 13 years-old was to have people around me respect me and be afraid of me.

He reminded the students again that they had choices and added, "You have to choose for yourself, not the people around you. Today, I choose for myself.

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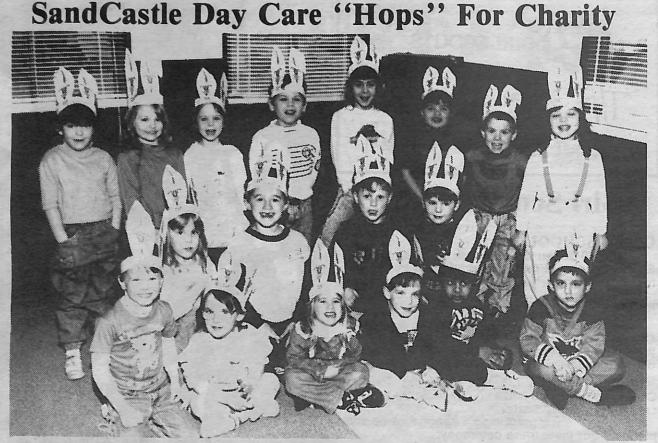
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CAN DO Program Helping Middle School

by Iris Copson School Dept. Editor

The Agawam Middle School P.T.O. is looking for support in the community to keep the CAN DO

Program going for sixth graders.

CAN DO helps children deal with stress and teaches them to be in control of their lives by

making sound decisions.

The program was developed by Dr. Richard Kleiner and Guidance Councilor Richard Cowles two years ago to recognize the stress and pressure that students, as well as adults, must deal with today. Physical Education instructor Lou Conte and the D.A.R.E. police officers have assisted in promoting the program over the past

The program began through a grant which was lost this year, and CAN DO is not a budgeted item for the Middle School (although Principal Ralph Zavarella has been supportive of the program). Last year, Zavarella held a special evening program for parents to introduce CAN DO, and Dr. Kleiner appeared to speak to parents about stress management. There was also a CAN DO graduation ceremony.

PTO President Donna Shibley said, "We want to keep the program going. The PTO plans to partially subsidize the cost of approximately \$3,000." PTO Vice President Kathy Mouneimneh said, "We are looking for community support in the form of donations, which can be sent to the Middle School P.T.O., Main Street, Agawam 01001."

Dr. Kleiner's trilogy teaches that three themes give power to stress management through the CAN DO Program.

He said, "Learning ways to physically relax, such as yoga and meditation, are one component. The second is the mind, or cognition, which deals with how one thinks about problems with a sense of coherence and the perceptual habits that we develop. The third is the social skills, support and relationships.

The CAN DO format is activity oriented, and curriculum materials have been specifically designed for this age group.



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Girl Scout Chatter

CLARK SCHOOL

Troop 560 began the year with a visit to Fitness First in Feeding Hills. We worked out with instructor Jane King, who led us in a step aerobic routine. Later, we were taken on a tour of the

In December, we went on a field trip to Yankee Candle Factory in Deerfield. We learned different ways to make candles and were able to hand-dip our own candles.

We also made a trip to the Giving Tree at Christmas time, and had a visit with Santa and ice cream at Friendly's after.

We are currently practicing a dance routine and planning our investiture ceremony.

JUNIOR TROOP 542

We have been very busy this year. To start off the year right, the entire troop registered early, so they were able to attend the one-time event sponsored by the Council this year. The event was a women's basketball game and pizza party at the Springfield Civic Center. The girls had a great

Next, the girls collected canned items for the Open Pantry for two days. This really made the girls feel great because the community was enormously generous. It really showed how much kindness there truly is in Agawam. The girls would like to say thank you very much for your dona-

Next, the troop decided it would be fun and helpful to assist Heritage Hall during different holidays. For Valentine's Day, we made placemats stencilled with hearts out of potatoes, which came out heaviting which came out beautiful.

The leaders are very proud of these wonderful and outstanding Junior Scouts...Jillian Abdow, Kristen Bassi, Trina Bowler, Christine Campbell, Bridget Donovan, Heather Jensen, Alison Jackobek, and Nicole Macey.

Keep up the good work, girls!!!

NOTES

Attention fifth and sixth grade Junior Girl

If you are interested in participating in Agawam's first Girl Scout Government Day Badge Program, please complete your application and return it to your leader as soon as possible.

All girls in fifth and sixth grade (and fourth graders who have been Juniors for two years) are welcome to participate in this program. Individual girls can apply; this does not have to be a troop

Important meeting and deadlines will be posted in this column and handouts. Any questions, please call Helen Manning, 786-5768, or Doris Donovan.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY!!!

On Sunday, March 8th, a 9:00 a.m. Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Church and is open to all religions. Immediately after the Mass, all those in attendance are invited to partake of coffee and depute at the Acquire Societ Contor donuts at the Agawam Senior Center.

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CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET? Brownie Troop 539 can! They gave Leader Sue Meunier and Baby Mikey a surprise shower accompanied by a bouquet of tissue paper flowers and a mobile made with love by the girls.

ROBINSON PARK BROWNIE TROOP 539

This active troop has been very busy this year. Our investiture welcomes Jennifer Sharp into the

world of girl scouting.

We have earned the girl scout ways try-it badge to become familiar with basic girl scouting. We attended the unit Christmas party and made or-naments, which we delivered to the giving tree. We are learning new games as we work toward a

try-it called "play."

Our "Manners" try-it was earned by making placemats to learn to set a table, practicing restaurant and phone manners, acting out situations to show respect for others, and choosing

jobs to help at home.

The troop showed off their good manners with a trip to the Ground Round Restaurant for dinner. The girls planned a surprise baby shower for troop leader Susan Meunier and new son Michael. The troop made a coloful mobile for the baby and

some tissue paper flowers for Sue.

Many of the girls brought in pictures of themselves as babies and we had fun guessing who was who. The mobile they made fulfills a requirement for another try-it called "Colors &

We will continue working toward many try-its and have loads of fun planned for the spring!

JAMES CLARK **JUNIOR TROOP 552**

The girls have been working hard on earning their first Junior badge, Art in the Round, which has proven to be fun and creative. The girls especially enjoyed creating abstract sculptures from milk cartons; the results were very interesting.

A trip to Yankee Candle will complete this badge. We are also working with Brownie Troop 544 to help them with bridging and to earn our Junior Aid patch. We enjoyed our trip to Connecticut Trolley Museum together in December.

We are now planning meetings together to work on the World of the Arts Dabbler, and to tell the Brownies about Junior Girl Scouting.

ANNUAL GIVING

Soon, Agawam parents of Girl Scouts will receive important information from a Girl Scout Representative asking for their support in the Annual Giving Campaign for Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts. It costs PVGS approximately \$143 a year for each of the girls participating in the G.S. program in this area.

While cookie sales and United Way provide many of these funds, each year the Council relies on the annual Giving Campaign to make up the gap in the budget. Statistics have shall all airl informal educational process like the part all-girl informal educational program like the girl scouts will help girls develop to their fullest potential and become competent, resourceful women.

During their formative years, the main focus of our program is directed toward stimulating her interests and meeting her needs. This message is as vital today as it was in 1912 when the organiza-tion began. Please support PVGS Annual Giving in whatever way you can. Thank you.

UNIT EVENTS

Agawam girl scouts have two unit events coming up. These events involve all of the troops in town joining together for activities.

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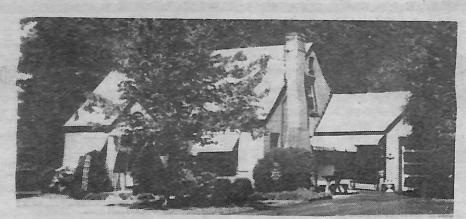
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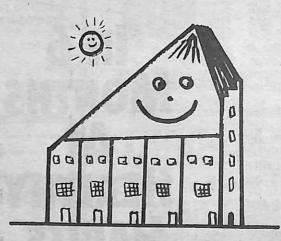
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GIRL SCOUT CHATTER - from Page 36...

In March, Daisy, Brownie, Junior, and Cadette troops will participate in celebrating Girl Scouts' 80th birthday in USA at the Rollaway. The girls are busy in the troops turning flour and water into festive pinatas that will—decorate the event. Details will be coming home with the girls soon.

CLARK SCHOOL DAISY TROOP 563

We are a small group of girls who have been very busy.

A troop member has moved to New York. She and her mother will be greatly missed. They are Christie and Carmel Thompson. We had a party for Christie and gave her a Daisy Scout ring to remember us all by.

We recently had our investiture ceremony on February 3rd, and the girls worked hard on their promise and new songs for their parents.

In the coming months, we have a variety of art and craft projects and field trips to look forward to.

A.S.A.P. - From Page 35...

AHS Guidance Counselor Judy Cohen (who runs a support group at AHS) told students they had the Non-Users Club at the Junior High and the A.S.A.P. for referral to help them with any problems.

She said, "Suck it up a little bit and get the courage to go and talk to somebody (if you have a problem). When something is mentionable, it becomes tolerable."

Junior High teacher Gerald O'Malley told A.S.A.P. began three years ago. He said, "It is designed to help students with problems of alcohol and drugs. We have prevention and intervention programs.

grams.

"Referrals can be made to the core team: Marie Mazza, Marilyn Johnson, R.N., Jim Ryan, and myself through a short form that is dropped in a box in front of the nurse's station. It is confidential," O'Malley added.

Band Parents Slate First Crafts Fair

The Agawam High School Band Parents would like to invite you to take part in our Spring Arts and Craft Fair. The event will be

The event will be held at the Agawam High School cafeteria, Cooper Street, Agawam, on April 4th, 1992. The spaces available are approximately 8' x 6' with a 6' connecting table provided.

If you would like a registration form, please contact Darlene Wage at 786-5767 or

736-0307.

There are still spaces available and this will be a well advertised event. Students will be placing notices on cars at area shopping centers, posters will be on display in major stores, and ads will be placed in newspapers and on radio and televi-

sion.
Scheduled for the beginning of the Easter season, we are confident that this will be a successful event for all.

You turn our pages each & every week!

Youth Cheerleaders To Have Meeting

An informational meeting and registration will be held for Agawam Youth Cheerleader Tryouts for the 1992 Youth Football season on Tuesday, March 17th, in the Community Room of the

March 17th, in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department at 7:30 p.m.

Tryouts are open to the girls entering fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade, as of September 1992. Due to the size of the meeting room, we are requesting that only parents attend this meeting.

Phelps PTO Offering Family Portraits

The Benjamin Phelps P.T.O., in conjunction with Daniel's School Photos (The Greniers), is offering an 11x14 family portrait for just \$13.99.

Portraits will be taken on March 18th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Phelps School, Main Street, Agawam. Pictures will be ready approximately three weeks thereafter.

For more information, and to schedule a sitting time, please call Lynn at 789-3903. The family portrait offer is available to everyone!

Amy Kaddaras On Dean's List

Amy Kaddaras of 88 Cherry Street, Feeding Hills, has achieved Dean's List status for the fall semester at Lasell College, Newton.

In addition, she was recently named to Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges.

A senior majoring in English/Retail Management, Amy recently completed an internship at Neiman Marcus in Boston.

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Ruling Costs AHS Matmen State Title

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

The words won't come easily this time. This one hurt.

The Agawam High Brownies had another State Championship crown right within their grasp this past weekend in Lowell. Instead, they had to settle for their third consecutive second-place finish.

Springfield Central's Golden Eagles took advantage of a recently adopted (and seldom enforced) MIAA rule and picked up their first State Title. The Brownies won the crown in 1988 and have

been a force in the tournament ever since. Most years, especially recently, Agawam sends a busload of kids and competes with the big boys all weekend.

Two years ago, the Brownles lost the crown by only a half point. Last season, in a meet at Springfield Central, the Brownies lost by just two

This season, after leading the tournament all weekend, they surrendered their lead in the Flinals and had to settle for the bridesmald slot again.

Suffice it to say that an Agawam wrestler who had scored a pile of points (nine of them) in the tournament was disqualified from further action when he violated the "flagrant misconduct" rule. Those nine points, plus a two-point team penality was deducted from Agawam's team tally and

ty, were deducted from Agawam's team tally, and

the Brownies paid the ultimate price.

AHS Leads By 12 Going Into Finals

Heading into the Consolation Finals, the Agawam High club had raced to a commanding 12-point lead over Western Mass rival Central and could have "locked" the tournament before the Finals began.

When the penalty was enforced, the Brownie advantage was trimmed to just one point. STU MCGREGOR waxed a Weymouth wrestler 10-4 to score two more team points and give Agawam a 93.5-90.5 lead over Central. McGregor gained fifth

place in the State with that win. MIKE DASILVA was next to wrestle for Agawam in the fifth and sixth placed match at 171 pounds. Trailing 4-1 early, he was riding his opponent early in the second period and he turned him and apparently had him pinned.

The referee did not give DaSilva the pin (and the four points that would have gone with it).

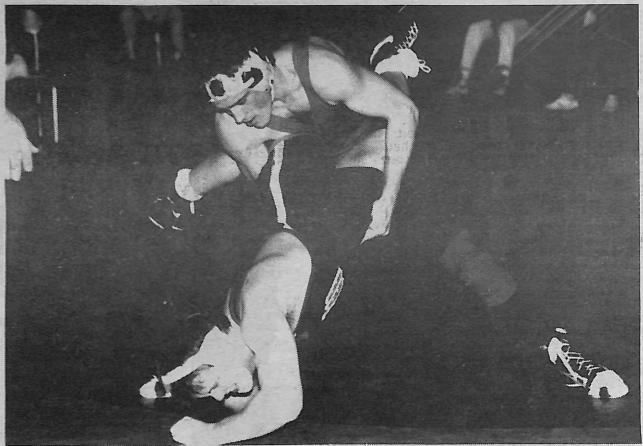
Mike dropped the decision and was awarded sixth place. GEORGE GHAREEB was stopped 8-1 in his fifth place match and the meet moved to the

Finals with Agawam still leading by three. It was there that the issue was finally settled. MIKE COOPER, the top-seeded 130-pounder in the state, had to face Dmitri Shlemanov of Central for the third time this season.

Shlemanov was the runner-up to Cooper in the Western Mass Finals when Cooper edged him 3-1. Earlier in the season, Cooper and Shlemanow had danced to a 4-4 draw at the dual meet held at Cen-

Perhaps The Most Exciting Match Cooper and Shlemanov went head to head in perhaps the most exciting match in the Finals. Coop continually "shot" at the legs of his rugged little opponent. Shlemanov foiled Coop time after time, but ultimately drew a stalling warning from

Cooper took a 1-0 lead when Shlemanov got a stalling point in the second period. Ultimately, though, the Central wrestler got the takedown and Cooper escaped, and it was 2-2 headed for the



NICK LANGONE was crowned a State Champion last weekend in the Division I State Wrestling Championships held at Lowell High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

deciding period.

Cooper took the lead 3-2 with an early escape, but Shlemanov rose up and took Cooper down and placed him on the back. He couldn't stick the powerful Agawam grappler.

Cooper escaped late in the third, but It was too late to come back and Shlemanov won the match

That gave Central a 94.5-93.5 lead with two more Golden Eagles ready to wrestle, including defending state champion Darby McLaughlin. Agawam has 189-pound strongman NICK LANGONE waiting in the wings.

The issue still remained to be settled.

Then, 135-pound ace Dan Lisana of Central resolved the issue for everybody. He stuck Doug Lieberman of Randolph High in 3:06 to put Central up by seven. (Lisana earned four points for first place and two more for the pin.)

It was academic when McLaughlin got stunned 1-0 by Allie Slieman of Quincy, but Langone still had a chance to wrap up his first individual crown. Nick was runner-up in the State Finals a year ago. He wrestled Jason Bazemore of Lowell High Back level head head him 21 language of the search of the state o

School and beat him 3-1. Langone got a second period reversal to take a 2-0 lead and then gained a penalty point in the third when Bazemore pulled out all the stops trying to extricate himself from Nick's excellent third-period ride.

Langone pushed Bazemore away in the waning seconds and held off a furious comeback attempt as the buzzer sounded

Heartwarming Famiy Celebration
Tony Langone, Nick's older brother, raced onto the mat and hugged his brother tightly, and that family celebration was heartwarming, especially coming on the heels of what had happened to the Agawam team in the previous two hours.

PAT BROWN, Agawam's 119-pounder, grabbed fourth place overall in the state with an outstanding performance over the weekend. He was decisioned 8-4 in the third place match, which would have sent him to New England's had he triumphed in that one.

SHAWN RISING wrestled into Saturday at 125 pounds, but was beaten by Scott Uhl of Pittsfield in overtime to deny him a "place" position in the

state. Rising won two matches on Friday to advance to Saturday.

NATHAN WOOD picked up one victory on Fri-

day with a 13-4 thrashing before being ousted. MATT BRYANT, MIKE BRYANT, and DAVE MCKAY also qualified for and wrestled in the State Tournament, but did not score.

DaSilva had a whale of a weekend, including an 8-5 inspirational victory in the opening round on Saturday over Tim Weatherbe of Central that seemed to spur his team on to greater heights.

George Ghareeb has a monumental pin over Avery Mock of Springfield to advance to the "place" rounds. Locked in a 1-1 tie, Ghareeb trip-ped Mock right to his back and stuck him at the third-period horn.

That eliminated Mock and gave Ghareeb a chance to grab third place. However, he dropped his final two matches to finish sixth in the State. Langone & Cooper Advance To N.E. Tournament

Langone and Cooper will represent the Agawam team at the New England High School Wrestling Championships, which will be held in Glastonbury, Connecticut, this Friday and Saturday.

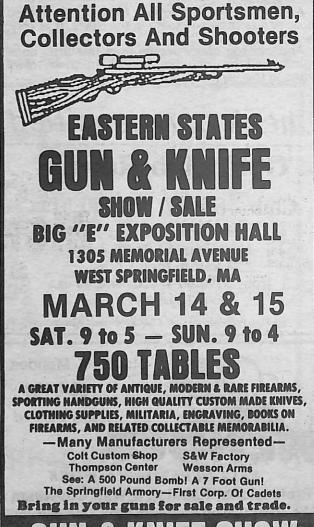
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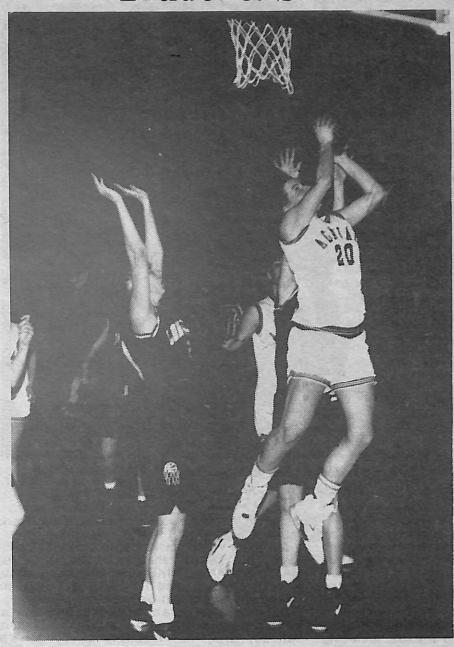
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Trudel & Stone Lead AHS Girls To Finals



JUNIOR KIM TRUDEL powers for two points under the glass in easy Western Mass. Quaterfinal win over Longmeadow. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Springfield Civic Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

SOPHOMORE CYNDI STONE gives the AHS girls' hoop team prime time play under the glass and will be primed on Saturday for the Division I Championship Game vs. Northampton at the



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WRESTLING - from Page 39...

An understandably downcast coaching staff acted with class and poise at tournament's end. They accepted all the kind words of the Agawam

They tried to force a smile or two, but you could tell that they had to work at it. Everyone

As Tomkiel put it, "Nobody beat us. We scored more points than any team in the State. It is very, year disappointing." very disappointing.

And, not too many people from this little community will be including Lowell in their travel plans in the very near future.

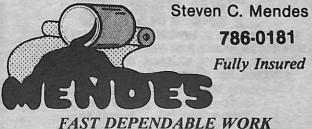
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Will Face 'Hamp In Championship...

Stone's 25 Leads AHS Girls Past Game West Side, 60-50

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

The West Springfield High student body showed up at Cathedral High School en masse on Tuesday night and inspired their Terrier girls' basketball team to dizzying new heights.

Their problem came in the fact that Agawam High School's girls' basketball team is used to that rarified air and the number two seeded Brownies outlasted the Terriers, 60-50 in the Western Mass. Division I Semifinals.

This marks the third time the Brownies have defeated West Side this season. By defeating the third seeded Terriers, the Brownies now move on to the Western Mass. Championship Game on Saturday night, March 7th, at the Springfield Civic Center. Game time is 5:45 p.m. The locals will face much competition in the form of the formidable Blue Devils from Northampton.

Both Clubs Responded Nicely

Playing on the neutral floor in front of the big crowd seemed to allow both clubs an opportunity to play to their potential and they responded nice-

Sophomore Cyndi Stone stepped forward first and she put on quite a show, especially in the first half. Agawam Coach Lou Conte designed inside plays to Stone that virtually destroyed the Terriers' man-to-man defense.

Accepting lobs from Stephanie Mason and Laura Bielitz, Stone had the backboards all to herself as she spun her way to a dominating 16 points in the first half.

This came after West Springfield opened the game with an 8-2 bender which stemmed from ferocious full court pressure defense. After Bielitz found the back door open on Agawam's opening possession, the Terriers set their game plan in motion.

The Barkman sisters (Kirsten and Kathryn) accounted for four points apiece. And between them they drew two personal fouls from Agawam's dynamite little point guard (Mason).

With the kids from West Side screaming and chanting, the Bronwies were in a pile of trouble early. Stone ended West Side's run with a lob convesion. Bielitz (nine points) got free on the baseline and Mason drilled a long jumper with her foot on the three point line. That tied the game at eights.

West Side Pressed On

West Side quickly recaptured the lead. But senior Kim Trudel tied it with a nice lane banker. Then it became Stone's show the rest of the half. The sophomore center roared toward halftime by scoring Agawam's next 14 points with a variety of moves down on the low blocks.

Still, when Stone closed her act. it found AHS leading by just one point, 24-23. West Side hung

around by banging the boards and dropping in occasional shots from the elbows. It was anybody's game as the Brownies led 26-25 at halftime on a Trudel post-up in the final 20 seconds.

Joanna Dziurzynski and Kristen Barkman would help West Side stay close with their insideoutside act in the second half. And they seemed to get a big helping of momentum from Trudel, Agawam's top scorer during the season. She was exiled to the bench with her fourth foul at 11:09. Trudel only had six points when she headed for the pine.

That's when Conte's regular season gamble paid off. Freshman Kristin Schmaelzle, first off the bench all year, came on and got into the flow (immediately). AHS trailed 32-31 when she entered and led it by seven when Trudel reappeared six minutes later.

Schmaelzle hit four consecutive nothing-butnet free throws within 90 seconds. Bielitz and senior Sheila Martin added an outside shot or two and Stone picked up a couple more hoops. Finally, it started to get a bit more comfortable for AHS with five minutes to play.

West Side Made Final Run

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West Side made its final run on the sensational rebounding of Dziurzynski and Tracy Mason. They closed to 46-44 on a Dziurzynski stickback.

That's when Trudel re-entered the offensive mix. As if taking a first half cue from Stone, Trudel went on a personal seven point spree and it would have been more if she had converted her free throws.

Stone scored the first hoop to make it 48-44 and then Trudel nailed a pretty jumper from the right side of the charity stripe. She followed that by doing a coast-to-coaster. She made another end-to-end charge, scored, and got hacked in the act. She missed the free throw.

Trudel got another one-and-one opportunity seconds later and missed that one, too. She got another bonus chance at the line and made her first. Despite Trudel's normally excellent touch from the stripe, she connected on just 1-8 Tuesday night. That final free throw did put AHS up, 55-46 and the Brownies were home free as they played the Terriers even-steven in the final

"We had to play hard to beat this team," said a satisfied Conte afterwards. "And we did. I'll tell you what was huge. When we lost Trudel with 11 minutes to play, Schmaelzle stepped up and played terrific. Those free throws were clutch, very clutch."

Stone led all scorers with 25 points. Trudel checked in with 13. Kirsten Barkman led West Side with 14 and Dziurzynski had 13.

SENIOR SHEILA MARTIN puts up a deuce in easy

SENIOR SHEILA MARTIN puts up a deuce in easy win over Longmeadow in the Western Mass. Division I Quarterfinals. Story on Page 42. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Benefit Hockey Game Slated In Memory Of Tom Dal Molin

There will be a benefit hockey game for the family of Court Officer Tom Dalmolin on March 8th.

Dalmolin was a native and long time resident of Agawam. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1975 and was an all-star soccer and hockey player. He was very active in the community coaching Agawam youth hockey.

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The Hampden County Sheriff's Department will take on the Ludlow High Alumni at Smead Arena (Blunt Park), 1780 Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield.

The game will begin at 2:00 p.m.

The price for the event is \$2 per person. Tickets are available at the office of State Representative Michael P. Walsh at 549 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Additional tickets will be available at the door as well. For further information, call 786-4545.

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Brownie Girls Send Lancers To Early Hoop Exit

by Bob Johnson **Advertiser News Sports Editor**

Agawam High School's girls' basketball team got 40 points out of their franchise players on Friday night and cruised to an easy 61-50 decision over Longmeadow in the quarterfinal round of the Western Mass tournament at Clifford P. Kibbe gymnasium.

Junior Kim Trudel banged around inside for 24 points and sophomore Cyndi Stone added 16 for the Brownies, who led the thing from wire to wire.

In the process, the Brownies got their ticket punched to the semi-final against West Springfield High. The game will be played at Cathedral High (story this edtion).

The Brownies raced to a 13-3 lead in the early stages as they got contributions from their star-ting five and Kristin Schmaelzle of the bench brigade to open it up early.

Trudel scored five early markers, Stone had four, Laura Bielitz swished through a wing set shot, and Schmaelzle hit the final bucket of the spree on left wing for the 10-point advantage.

Longmeadow answered with a couple of hoops by Sarah Maggi and Beth Leonard, but Trudel responded with another handful of inside points as Agawam maintained its lead.

Agawam's Hits High Water Mark Of The Half The home team reached their high water mark of the first half when Stone connected on a 13-footer in the final minute for a 34-16 advantage.

Longmeadow scored the final four points of the half on Leonard's two free throws and a Molly Auth layup for a 34-20 halftime score.

The Brownies got fired up in Lou Conte's halftime huddle and Trudel stepped to the forefront when they returned to courtside:

She made a steal and brought it the distance for the first deuce. She hit a turnaround in the paint for another bucket and added another pair on a layup for a 40-20 lead.

It didn't stop there. Bielitz nailed one from the corner and Stone followed with a conventional three-point play, and the Brownie lead was up to an insurmountable 45-20 as Longmeadow went to a timeout at the 12:37 mark.

The lead never reached 30, but it came mighty close when Bielitz hit a couple baskets in a row to up the margin to 55-26 with about seven minutes

JV Players Take To The Court
Conte emptied the bench and gave many freshmen their first opportunity to shine at home. The JV refugees did themselves proud in Prime Time. At one point, Conte had four frosh and one sophomore on the court as time wound down.

The Lancers found the range from long distance late in the ballgame, as they hit three trifectas (including two of them off the glass) to make it respectable for the morning editions of the newspapers.

It wasn't close enough; at any time. The Brownies wrapped this one up tight early and headed one step closer to a possible Western Mass crown.



SENIORS NANCY BAZANCHUK AND ERICA VANDERHOOF helped lead Agawam High to its best showing in years at the Annual Western Mass. Girls' Swimming Champion-Ships. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Best Showing In Years...

Rachael White Diving Champ As AHS Girls 5th In WMass Swimming

After several years of dismal showings for the Agawam High swimming team, the girls' squad put it all together at the Western Mass Championships as they swam to a fine fifth-place showing under coach Jason Osborne.

In a 20-team horserace, the Brownies caught fire early in the tourney and racked up 95 points along the way. Most impressive were the diving accomplishments of Rachael White, who was the Brownies' lone individual winner.

She led the diving from wire to wire with 359.12 points. Michelle Podsiadlo also will compete in the State Championships this weekend as she placed eighth in the Western Mass field.

The 100 freestyle was another place where the Brownies shined as Erica Vanderhoof blazed to a fifth-place finish with a school record of 57.34. It was her own record that was shattered.

Heather Pliska finished seventh overall in the same event, as she was the top finisher in the consolation heat with a fine showing of 58.55

Jessie Crowley swam her personal best in the 200-yard individual medley. She finished in 12th place in a time of 2:38.48.

Vanderhoof grabbed fifth place in the 100 backstroke (1:05.86), and Pliska ensured that the

good things kept happening when she finished with a school record of 1:12.20 in the 100 breaststroke. She placed third in that event.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Vanderhoof, Pliska, Crowley, and Lexa Page swam into fifth place with a time of 4:01.60, and the same quartet grabbed seventh in the medley relay with another high school record time of 2:01.93.

The State Tournament in Worcester will be well represented as far as the Brownies will be concerned. Vanderhoof will join with Pliska, Crowley, and Amy Hume as they try and break the 200 freestyle relay's existing school record of 1:52, and Osborne thinks that they may be able to swim a 1:49.

Jessie Crowley and Lexa Page will swim in the 100 butterfly. Vanderhoof will be competing in the 100 and 50 freestyle events. Pliska will be in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Osborne is very pleased with the accomplishments of this year's squad and is looking forward to an exciting weekend in Worcester. "I think that we can be in the top six if we swim well there," said Osborne.

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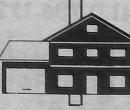
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Commerce Dismisses AHS Cagers From Div. I Tourney

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports

For the third straight season, the Agawam High Brownies were eliminated from the Western Mass boys' basketball tournament in the second round.

Also, for the third straight time, it happened in the Central High School gymnasium in Springfield. It wasn't the top-rated Eagles that knocked them off this time, though; the Red Raiders of Commerce High School turned the trick on Thurs-

Commerce used a full-court press from the open tip-off and consistently interrupted any offensive flow for the Brownies as they ran away with an 86-58 triumph.

The Red Raiders were buoyed by the return of baseliner Derek Walker, who did not play in the first meeting of the season between the two clubs. Walker made his presence felt with a big game off the backboards to go along with 14 mighty impressive first half points.

Agawam had beaten Commerce in the second game of the season back in December. This time, coach Sam Provo's troops led it from wire to wire. They dashed out to a 14-4 lead behind Walker,

Tavia Barklow and Chuck Starks.

Brownles Close Gap But, the Brownies closed the gap with a spark by Dave Desimone off the bench. He started a 6-0 run with an eight footer sprinting through the lane and then added a 15-footer. Mike Briggs capped the mini-run with a wing jumper that might have been three if he hadn't been toeing the trifecta

Walker jammed the first of three first-half Red Raiders dunkeroos to push the lead back to six, but Briggs hit a little baseliner off an inbounds play and Jason Blackburn pulled Agawam within two with a slashing drive to the goal. It was 16-14

and the Agawam fans were coming to life.

Commerce responded with a 6-0 spree of their own as Walker hit a reverse lay-in, Barklow (game high 31) nailed a 12-footer and Starks put the exclamation point on it with a resounding slammer off a fast break.

Desimone and Brendon Gallagher followed that with four straight points for the visitors to shave

the margin back to four points, 22-18.

Commerce had another few rounds of ammunition left in their first-half arsenal as they ended the half with a 14-4 binge to take a 36-22 lead into their locker room.

Commerce Leads For Good
The lead never dipped below 14 again. The teams traded hoops out of the second-half gate, and then Commerce began to move the lead out throughout the balance of the ballgame.

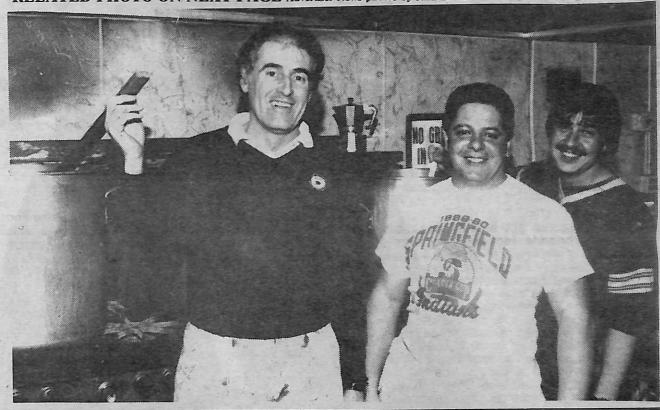
Agawam would actually hit four three-pointers late in the game. Three were by their leading scorer Blackburn, who had 15 to lead his team. Greg Pudlo swished through another one when he arrived on the court; Mike Knodler had a nice seven-point contribution.

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Food Was Great At AHS Hockey Dinner



AGAWAM HIGH HOCKEY PARENTS who helped make last month's Macaroni Dinner at the Polish American Club such a success included top Marilyn Kane, Susan Chianciola, and Joanne Rocca; BELOW, Earl Hollister, John Cardaropoli (chief chef), and Dave DiMare. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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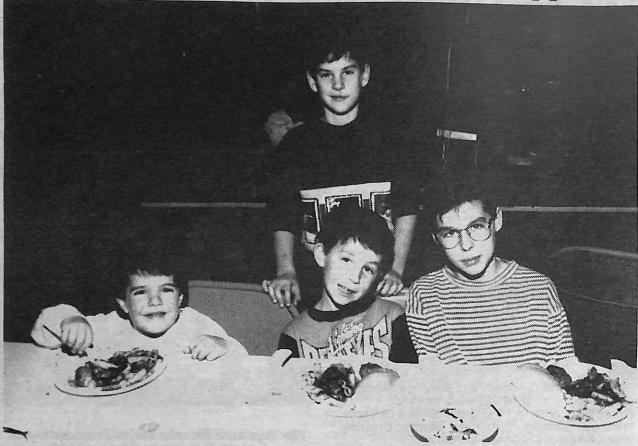
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Annual Gun & Knife Show Slated For Better Living Center March 14th-15th

The Better Living Center will be the site of the Eastern States Exposition (Home of the Big E) Gun and Knife Show on March 14th and 15th with some 700 displays of antique, collectible, rare, and also new firearms.

Once again, it will be a collector's paradise and the largest event of its type in the area with a wide variety of goods, including displays of custom knives. Variety is the keynote of the show and dealers will be on hand with Springfields dating to the 1700's

Many other collectible firearms, both old and new, will also be displayed. In addition, engraver Pauline Muerrle, formerly of Winchester, will be there.

Other exhibitors at the show include dealers in Civil War firearms and others with displays of military items. The show will also feature manufacturer displays from Smith and Wesson,

Colt, Wesson Firearms, and Thompson Center.

A variety of related items such as reloading equipment, ammunition, surplus items, lubricants, shooting supplies, books, artwork, gifts, and gun cabinets will be available. Knife dealers from throughout the Northeast will display custom-made knives, and knife manufacturers will be showing many one-of-a-kind creations.

This is a quality show with the emphasis on quality items. A firearms safety seminar will also take place. Show promoters invite the public to bring personal items to the event for free appraisals or sale.

Hours are Saturday, March 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5, and children under 12 (accompanied by an adult) are free.

JUNIOR FORWARD JOEY GAYLOR skies for a rebound in first half action for the AHS Brownies vs. Longmeadow at the end of the regular season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Still, Commerce got healthy donations from their bench brigade, too, and they were able to continue to build the lead with quick hands on defense and explosive dashes to the goal.

There was a time not so long ago in Agawam coach Mike Martin's life when he would give anything for a Commerce playoff victory. (Martin led the Red Raiders to two state championships earlier in his career.) But, on Thursday night, Mike Martin was not rooting for Commerce.

The Brownies end the season with a record of 11-11. They shared a third of the Valley Wheel regular season title, and they'll have to be satisfied that the bulk of their team will return next season to go for it one more time.

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AAA Piranhas In Swim Championships At Springfield College

The Agawam AA Piranhas competed with 10 other local swim teams at the Pioneer Valley Swim League championships held the weekend of February 8th-9th at the Art Linkletter Natatorium at Springfield College.

The events of the weekend included over 900 participants. Trophies were presented to the top six finishers in each individual event and to each

member of the top three relay teams.
Ribbons were presented to the individuals finishing from seventh to 12th place. Some events had close to 100 entrants.

The Piranhas are proud of the following award winners:

Patricia Olson, second, and Eileen Daly, fifth in 11-12 girls' 200-yard individual medley.

Matthew Slattery, sixth in 11-12 boys' 200-yard individual medley.

Jonathan David, eighth in 13-14 boys' 200-yard

individual medley. Jessica Crowley, second in 15-18 girls' 200-yard

individual medley.

Patricia Olson, second, and Kristine Modzele-sky, third in 11-12 girls' 200-yard freestyle.

Eileen Daly, fifth in 11-12 girls' 50-yard butterfly.

Matthew Slattery, sixth, and James Crowley,

11th in 11-12 boys' 50-yard butterfly. Amy Hume, sixth in girls' 13-14 100-yard butter-

fly. Jessica Crowley, first in 15-18 girls' 100-yard butterfly.

Kristine Modzelesky, second in 11-12 girls' 100-yard freestyle.

Amy Hume, ninth in 13-14 girls' 100-yard freestyle.

Rachel Niemiec, sixth in 13-14 girls' 100-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, 10th in 11-12 boys' 50-yard breaststroke.

Nancy Bazunchuk, fifth in 15-18 girls' 100-yard breaststroke.

Brian Pedersen, fifth, and Ryan Sullivan, sixth in 8 & under boys' 100-yard individual medley.

Amanda Fox, fifth in 8 & under girls' 100-yard individual medley.

Jennifer Modzelesky, fifth in 9-10 girls' 100-yard

individual medley.
Michael Grant, first, and Jeffrey Rivkin, third in 9-10 boys' 100-yard individual medley.

Hilary Golas, third, Laura Bucalo, fifth, and Bianca Chase, 10th in 8 & under girls' 25-yard freestyle.

Wesley Scott, 10th, and William Bond, 12th in 8 & under boys' 25-yard freestyle.

Kimberly Sullivan, third in 9-10 girls' 50-yard freestyle. Ashley Roberts, 12th in 8 & under girls' 25-yard

butterfly. Wesley Scott, seventh, and William Bond, eighth in 8 & under boys' 25-yard butterfly.

Caitlin Weisgerber, seventh, and Jennifer Modzelesky, ninth in 9-10 girls' 50-yard butterfly. Jeffrey Rivkin, third in 9-10 boys' 50-yard but-

Hilary Golas, fourth, Amanda Fox, fifth, and Bianca Chase, ninth in 8 & under girls' 50-yard

freestyle. Kimberly Sullivan, third in 9-10 girls' 100-yard

freestyle. Michael Grant, third in 9-10 boys' 100-yard freestyle.

Laura Bucalo, second in 8 & under girls' 25-yard backstroke.

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Swim Banquet Held By AAA Piranhas



The Agawam Piranha Swim Team held their winter banquet at the Casa Di Lisa on Sunday, February 23rd. This was to celebrate the end of a terrific winter season coached by Robin Nedjoika. Special thanks to all who helped, especially Tom Pirnie, the Holiday House, the Feeding Hills Pharmacy, the Agawam Athletic Association, and last but not least, the swim team parents. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Applicants may also request an application by contacting the office at 786-0400, extension 213 or 239. Applications must be returned to the personnel office on or before May 1st, 1992.

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Ag. Rowdies Soccer Undefeated In U-10

The Agawam Rowdies U-10 girls' soccer team, coached by Denny Marr and Lynn Modzelesky, were undefeated in a regular season of indoor soccer that was held at Soccer City, Wilbraham,

The season ran from December 29th through February 16th. The girls' record for the regular season was 6-0-1; the final game for the championship was between Berkshire and Agawam,

with Berkshire winning the championship.
The girls are now looking forward to their upcoming spring season, where they will be moving up and playing U-11 for the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League.

The girls on the indoor soccer team were: Elise Alfano, Sheri Benton, Maria Buendo, Dianna Distefano, Michelle Heim, Jen Lock, Jen Marr, Jen Modzelesky, Kerry McGeoghan, Amanda Tilden, and Kaitlin White.

BC Assumes Lead In Tri-Parish Bowling

After four weeks of rolling in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, Boston College (11½ wins) has taken control of first place, closely followed by Georgetown (11 wins) and St. Michael

G-Town took three big wins from St. Mary (6th place-7½ wins) to grab the top spot. Winners for BC were leadoff TINA FRAPPIER (289), BILL "Don't Call Me Bob" HOPE (277) and substitute captain JOHN "The Hammer" O'CONNELL, who returned to these lanes for one of his brief appearances this year. "The Hammer" is the former BC captain who led the league in scoring last year. "The Hammer" only mustered a 298 but it was enough to defeat the challenge of St. Mary's Captain JIM "Mac" MCNAMEE (292). MAC is in third in the Men's Class AA at 96.2.

The only winner for St. Mary's was third roller BOB COELLN (289-279 over MARIE SARACINO).

G-Town took St. Anselm (5th place-8 wins) over the hurdles, three wins to one. G-Town winners in-cluded JOHN MLINEK (286) and substitute VENETTA SNYDER (258-255 over TERRY CER-POVICZ). Venetta was subbing for vacationing "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI. Winners for St. A's included leadoff DON STITT (294) and league scoring leader TIM SHEEHAN (325). Tim defeated G-Town captain DEBBIE POIRIER (301) in a battle between the top men's roller and the top women's roller. Tim is at 107.29 while Debbie leads the

St. Michael really took out the broom to clean house on Catholic University (7th place-7 wins), four wins to none.

Winners for St. Mike's included leadoff STELLA BARBIERI (253), PAUL LAGODITZ (269-265 over disappointed CAROLINE COELLN, the top roller in Women's Class A at 90.12), and captain FRED MORASSI, who was on a big seasonal high at 345. Fred defeated CU captain RICH SNYDER (top roller in Men's Class AA at 103.28). Snyder only rolled two strings because of a leg problem. Morassi leads the Men's Class A in rolling at

The only winner for CU was third roller JIM SNYDER, who was way off at 265 but still had enough to win.

Fourth place St. Louis (10 wins) took three wins from 8th place Notre Dame (5½ wins), three wins to one. Winners for St. Lou were JEAN BUONICONTI (287-278 over MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN), JOHN LONCRINI (283), and captain JIM HOAGUE, who upset ND captain STEVE MOCCIO, 315-307. Moccio is still trailing his best pal. Tim Sheeban, 107.06 to 107.29. The

his best pal, Tim Sheehan, 107.06 to 107.29. The only ND winner was CHRIS STEPANIAN (249). In the final match of the night, ninth place Fordham (5½ wins) kept last place Holy Cross (3½ wins) tightly pressed in the caller Fordham took wins) tightly pressed in the cellar. Fordham took $3\frac{1}{2}$ wins.

Winning for Fordham was JENN JORGENSEN (232-228 over DOUG "HAVE A" HART). HC winners were MICHELLE BAILLIE (282), VI MASSOIA (256), and captain LARRY VIENS (289). He defeated anchorgal JANICE MOCCIO (263), who was pinch-hitting for OLLIE MULDREW, who still has a back problem.

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Ryan Sullivan, fifth, and Michael Bonesteel, 10th in 8 & under boys' 25-yard backstroke.

Jessica Jensen, eighth in 9-10 girls' 50-yard

backstroke.

Ashley Roberts, eighth in 8 & under girls' 25-yard breaststroke. Michael Thomas, third, and Brian Pedersen, eighth in 8 & under boys' 25-yard breaststroke. Eric Pedersen, sixthin 9-10 boys' 50-yard

breaststroke. The Agawam 8 & under girls' 100-yard medley relay team comprising Amanda Fox, Hilary Golas, Ashley Roberts, and Laura Bucalo finished se-

The Agawam 9-10 boys' 200-yard medley relay team of Eric Pedersen, Michael Grant, Jeff Rivkin, and Thomas Casiello finished third.

Michael Robinson, eighth in 13-14 boys' 200-yard freestyle. Rachel Niemiec, seventh in 13-14 girls' 50-yard

Nancy Bazunchuk, eighth in 15-18 girls'

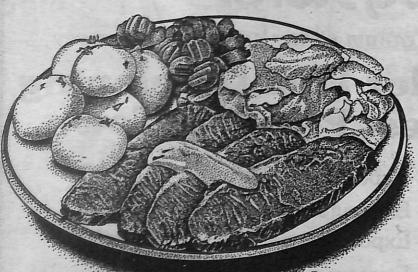
100-yard backstroke. Eric Pedersen, second in 9-10 boys' 50-yard backstroke.

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Gun Laws Passed

Gun Owners Action League (GOAL) is responsible for three bills being passed last year in Boston. GOAL has a lobbyist at Boston and he is financed by COAL and by COAL financed by GOAL and the organized sportsmen of Massachusetts.

The organization is headed by **Jim Taylor**, and **Don Loncto** of Agawam is Vice-President. These two men are dedicated to the right to own arms in Massachusetts and the nation.

Recently, GOAL put on a display of firearms and related subjects in the State House. Legislators were invited to attend the display room and to ask questions about firearms, handing them, and to shoot BR target pistols at targets. ing them, and to shoot BB target pistols at targets set up for the demonstration.

Representatives and Senators came in and asked questions. They always voted for gun laws against the right to own guns. The display was so good and so well-organized that a lot of people walked out of the room more informed about firearms and the right to own, and why the lawabiding citizen does not want his rights under the second amendment infringed upon.

A bill has been passed to adopt the Fair Lights

A bill has been passed to adopt the Fair Licensing Law and the Governor has indicated that he will sign it. The bill absolves a rightful gun owner from being arrested if he is carrying his gun outside the stipulation that the issuing agent specified on the license.

The right to carry is the stipulation of the 2nd amendment. However, the issuing agent can confiscate a license if the carrier is found in default of the laws in the right to carry.

SPRING FISHING

It has been said, "Wait an hour and the weather will change in New England." The last few years, this saying more-or-less pertains to the entire na-

The effect has been very noticeable when fishing Lake Ontario the past two years. The fishing formula has changed and it looks like it could happen this year.

The lack of real cold weather and snow is the prime factor for the lake to change the behits of

prime factor for the lake to change the habits of

Usually the surface water will cool to 39 degrees Fahrenheit; 39 degrees is when the lake water is the most dense, and the water will sink to form a large pool below the surface. Most fish and salmon will migrate along with forage species during the winter months.

The lack of this pool puts the spring timetable out of whack. The fish migrate all over the lake, making the fishing spotty and the anglers have to search to find the pocket of fish.

This has been the case these last two years. It looks like this spring will be the same way, unless the weather cools off drastically. If this winter continues to remain warm, expect to find ex-

cellent brown trout fishing by mid-March.

Bait fish are also affected by the cooling and the lack of cooling. Alewives (mooneyes) will reduce in numbers with a harsh winter.

A decline in forage fish means a good spring fishing. The opposite occurs when the winter is mild and the survival rate is high (which makes for tougher fishing).

I will try to keep you advised on the condition of the lake as the days go by.

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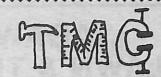
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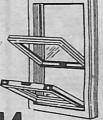
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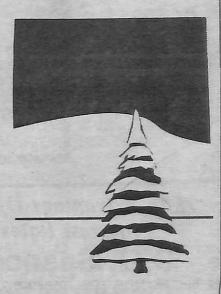
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